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Growing Discontent Against Hitler Regime

German Majority's Reaction To Munich 'Betrayal'

But Extremist-Leaders Bent On Aggression

Two-fold Action Against Rumania & Poland?

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The belief that Germany is moving towards an internal crisis is expressed by the diplomatic correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian".

Declaring that there is a certain feeling of resentment in Germany after the Munich Agreement, because despite his success, Herr Hitler is considered to have imperilled the Peace of Europe, the correspondent says that THE REGIME IS NOT RESPECTED BY THE MAJORITY OF GERMANS AND AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF GERMANS, WHILE OUTWARDLY NAZI, ARE INWARDLY DISGUSTED.

THE DISCONTENT WIDENS AND DEEPENS ESPECIALLY IN THE RHINELAND.

BENT ON AGGRESSION

Leaders in Germany, especially the Extremists, like Herr Himmler, Herr Hess and Dr. Goebbels, the correspondent declares, are thinking mainly in terms of aggression abroad and "THERE IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT GERMANY IS PREPARING FOR MILITARY ACTION EARLY IN THE COMING YEAR."

While such action may not be taken, the correspondent sees the possibility of a coming two-fold action in Eastern Europe—against Rumania, with Hungary being used as an instrument and against Poland with disturbances inside the Polish frontier as the starting point.—Reuter.

AZAD AT ANAND BHAWAN

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad arrived here this morning and is staying in Anand Bhawan with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Pandit Nehru arrived here last night.

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces, and possibly some other Ministers are expected to reach Allahabad in the course of to-day or to-morrow. It is believed some preliminary talks will be held at Anand Bhawan during the next two days in connection with the forthcoming Provincial Political Conference which will be held at Fyzabad.—United Press.

TWO KILLED IN 'PLANE CRASH

Pilot Making Progress In Hospital: Cochin Harbour Tragedy

ERNAKULAM: Dec. 23.

Two members of the crew were killed and pilot Lieutenant Griffith was injured when a seaplane from H.M.S. "Manchester," now in Cochin Harbour, crashed shortly after 10 this morning, while landing on the backwaters.

The 'plane took off this morning and flew for over an hour and while landing near Perumanoor, it struck the telegraph wires across the backwaters.

It is reported that pilot Lieutenant Griffith leaped into the backwaters from the 'plane. He sustained contused wounds on forehead and back and was removed to General Hospital. He is progressing satisfactorily.

The body of one of the victims was removed from the wrecked 'plane, while another is being removed. The 'plane is being salvaged with the help of the Police. —A.P.

KRAEMER IN ACCIDENT

BOMBAY, Friday.

Edmund Kraemer, the German wrestler, was injured in a car accident and has been admitted in the St. George's Hospital.

Test Prospects

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23.

The weather is very warm. The turf of the Test wicket has not been used for three years. The South Africans consider that their chances have increased by the decision of the M. C. C side not to play Hutton. There should be a very even match. Ames is keeping the wicket.—Reuter.

Bose Cancels Cutch Tour

Unexpected Developments In Bengal Ministry Problem

Owing to unexpected developments in connection with the Bengal Ministry problem Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Congress President, has it is learnt, cancelled his departure by air for Bhuj on Sunday to open the Cutch Peoples' Conference.

It is also learnt that the Congress President may postpone his Madras tour.

Sardar Vallabhbhai

H. E. Sir Roger Lumley visited the Sir J. J. School of Arts Exhibition on Friday. Photo shows Sir Roger with Mr. C. R. Gerard, Principal of the school, inspecting a section of the Exhibition.

Red Letter Day For Indian Shipping

Sardar Patel Opens Scindia House

Bhulabhai Sounds Warning To Anti-National Foreign Interests

A function unique in the commercial history of Bombay took place on Friday evening at the Ballard Estate, when the "Scindia House", the new building of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ld., was declared open by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

STATUE OF FOUNDER UNVEILED

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai also unveiled the statue of the late Mr. Narottamdas Morarji, founder and first Chairman of the Scindia Company.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were: Sir T. Krishnamacharya, Dewan of Baroda; Nawab Fakhar Yar Jung Bahadur, Finance Minister of Hyderabad State; Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Messrs. K. M. Munshi and Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Sir G. N. Gajjar, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram and others.

At the outset Mr. G. L. Mehta read messages received on the occasion from National Leaders, Prime Ministers of Provinces, Maharajas and Dewans of Maritime and other Indian States.

Scindia's Successful Fight

MR WALCHAND GAVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF SCINDIA COMPANY FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, IN WHICH HE SPOKE AS TO HOW THE P. AND O. COMPANY HAD TRIED TO BUY OVER THE SCINDIA COMPANY AND ATTEMPTED TO THROTTLE IT.

Warning To Foreign Interests

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL WARNED THOSE WHO PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF THE FOREIGNERS THAT THEIR DAYS WERE NUMBERED AS, SOONER OR LATER, INDIA WILL GET SWARAJ, AND THE NATIONAL FLAG WILL FLY OVER THE INDIAN STEAMERS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai advised foreigners to play the game and be fair with Indians, if they wanted to stay in India and trade with India.

(FOR DETAILED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS SEE PAGE 16).

Doubling Present Standard Of Living

BOMBAY, DEC. 23.

"THE OBJECT OF NATIONAL PLANNING IS TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY BY INTENSIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AN ORDERED AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER," says a Memorandum, attached to the Questionnaire to be issued by the Planning Committee.

An official statement, issued by Mr. G. P. Hutheesingh, Hony. Secretary of the Committee regarding the Planning Committee's meeting, held in Bombay, says that IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE TO DOUBLE THE PRESENT STANDARD OF LIVING WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE OR TEN YEARS AT THE MOST.

The following is the text of the statement:—

The National Planning Committee held its first session under the Chairmanship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on December 17, 1938 when Sjt. Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the Indian National Congress, inaugurated the poceedings.

The Session lasted for five days, and on the last day it sat continuously from 10 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. with a short interval. The first four days were devoted to the preliminary discussion and consideration of the subject heads of the questionnaire to be issued by the Committee.

A sub-committee to draft the Questionnaire was appointed on the first day and this Sub-Committee submitted its draft questionnaire to the committee on the 20th. The Committee considered this draft on the 21st. This draft is now being put into final shape and will be issued in the first week of January.

It is expected that replies to this Questionnaire will be received within six weeks of its issue. Meanwhile, it is contemplated, if the authorities concerned co-operate, to organise a series of lectures by Prof. K. T. Shah, one of the members of the Committee in each of the provincial and university centres to explain the nature and scope of the Questionnaire.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

An Explanatory Memorandum is attached to the Questionnaire. This memorandum explains that the object of the National Planning is to improve the well-being of the community by intensifying economic development in an ordered and systematic manner. Such a planning must secure an adjustment between the interests of producers and consumers, between the individuals and the community collectively, so as to maintain a proper balance between their interests and bring about an equitable distribution.

The Committee therefore feels that it is necessary to lay down a degree of development expected and has for the purposes of the Questionnaire laid down for the sake of illustration that at least double the present living standard including not only the necessaries but also the amenities of civilised existence, should be aimed at within a period of five to ten years at most.

With this end in view, the Questionnaire has been issued in order to collect the necessary material data and to obtain helpful suggestions. It is addressed mainly to the provincial governments, Indian States, organisations of trades, industries, commerce, labour and agricultural interests, firms and corporations as well as to individuals who have devoted thought and study to the question of National Planning.

POINTS FROM QUESTIONNAIRE

Thus the Questionnaire seeks information as regards:

1. Raw materials for industry from agriculture, mines and forests necessary for National Planning of industries.
2. Resources available of capital, labour, power and fuel.
3. Facilities or handicaps in marketing, transport and other needs,
4. Possibilities of developing heavy and key industries.
5. Legislation necessary for restriction of unfair competition and promotion of national industries,
6. Objectives and requirements of National Planning,
7. Agricultural and animal husbandry,
8. Terms and conditions of employment and remedy and relief of unemployment,
9. Administration to regulate control and supervise industry.—A. P.

ARABS ON STRIKE AGAIN

Outrages In Haifa And Their Sequel

HAIFA: Dec. 23.

There were three separate terrorist outrages here to-day; an Arab was shot, a Jew was wounded and a bomb was thrown at a bus, but it exploded harmlessly in the street.

Arabs are on strike again protesting against military searches and demolition of houses in the neighbouring villages.

Authorities have informed applicants for military permits that these will not be issued so long as the strike continues.—Reuter.

Nimbkar For Geneva And Joshi For Planning Committee

LUCKNOW: Dec. 23.

The General Council of the A.-I. T. U. C. has elected Mr. R. S. Nimbkar as delegate for Geneva and Messrs. Krishnaswami, Mudiraj, Aftab Ali and Zaman as Advisers. It has also suggested Mr. N. M. Joshi's name for co-option as representative of Labour on the National Planning Committee.

Belgian Air Defence

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.

The Chamber by 117 votes to 10 adopted the aerial defence bill, the cost of which amounts to four and a quarter millions sterling. —Reuter.

Japan Fears Intervention

Party Leaders's Attack On U. S., Soviet, Britain And France

TOKIO, Dec. 23.

Fear of a joint intervention in the Sino-Japanese conflict by Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet is expressed by Mr. Shimada, Executive member of the Seiyukai Party, in an address to a Convention of Parliamentary members' Party today, prior to the meeting of the Diet tomorrow.

Mr. Shimada said that the situation today is serious and comparable to that time of triple intervention by Russia, France and Germany following the Sino-Japanese war of 1894/5. He denounced as specially outrageous the attitude of the Soviet "which openly tramples Japan's treaty rights and resorts to unwarrantable provocation".—Reuter

ON CHINESE FRONT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23

Chinese forces are attacking Tsengcheng, thirty miles east of Canton, according to Chinese reports. The Japanese are bringing up reinforcements, which the Chinese are trying to prevent from reaching the city.

The Chinese claim to have recaptured the city of Nanhwei, east of Shanghai, after three days' fighting in the suburbs. The Japanese are reported to be trying to consolidate their hold in South Shantung Province and to have captured the city of Feihsien, while in West Shantung the Japanese have captured Tungping city.—Reuter

REBEL RAID CASUALTIES

Eight Killed And Twenty-One Injured

LONDON: Dec. 23.

Eight people were killed and 21 injured in air-raids on Tarragona and Barcelona last night, says the Spanish Press agency in a Barcelona despatch received by Reuter.

Three people were killed and nine wounded in Tarragona and five were killed and 12 wounded in Barcelona.—Reuter.

REBELS ADVANCE

BURGOS, Dec. 23.

It is announced that Nationalists penetrated the Republican defences on the Catalan front this morning at four different points.—Reuter.

San Sebastian Arrests

BURGOS, Dec. 23

It is admitted that under fifty arrests were made at San Sebastian, Guipuzcoa Province, in connection with an espionage network but it is stated that military officers are not implicated and the officials statement insists that no disturbances whatever, interrupted absolute tranquillity of Nationalist Spain.—Reuter

WITH MAHATMA AT WARDHA

Talks With Radha Krishnan On Politics And Education:

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 23.

Sir Sarwapalli Radhakrishnan interviewed Gandhiji for 90 minutes, when he discussed, it is understood Indian politics and educational problems. Sir Sarwapalli left by the evening mail.

Prince Appasaheb of Aundh who was with Gandhiji for six days for completing the draft of responsible Government Constitution has left for Bombay after finishing the work.

It is understood this will be published in a Gazette and brought into force after the Council approves it.—A. P.

CRAIGAVON FOR CEYLON.

BELFAST, Dec. 23.

Lord Craigavon will be leaving for Ceylon by the end of December.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

U. S. GERMAN RUPTURE?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Diplomatic circles are openly speculating the possibility of a rupture of relations between the United States and Germany.—Reuter.

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H. C. CAPTAIN,
Manager.
Bombay, 23rd Dec., 1938.
(10188)

NOTICE

THE OPENING CEREMONY for the extension of "The Bhrigupathi Pandit Chhajuram Alaukika Gowshala" at Faridpur Tahsil Jansath District Muzaffarnagar U. P. will be performed on THURSDAY, next the 29th December, 1938, on the site of the said Gowshala. All those who are interested in the protection and breeding of cows are cordially invited to attend the function. Those intending to attend the function should communicate with the Local Superintendent, Mr. V. R. Setlur, B. E. A.M.I. E. at Topiwala's Bungalow, Sandhurst Road, before 3 p. m. on Sunday next the 25th instant. (10189)

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Dated 24th Dec. 1938.
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Shareholder.
Dated 24th Dec. 1938.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Central Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited (now amalgamated with the Prabhat Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay) will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, 5th Floor, Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 16 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay on Friday the 13th January, 1939 at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the audited Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the period ending 31st March, 1938.
2. To transact such other business as may brought forward by the Chairman.

By order of the Board of Directors,
M. VRAJLAL & CO.,
Secretaries.
Bombay, 22nd December, 1938.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Life Policy Holders of the Company in terms of Clause 86 of the Articles of Association of the Company will be held on 12th January, 1939 at 1 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, 5th Floor, Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 16 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay for the purpose of electing two Directors on the Board for the ensuing year.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on 12th January, 1939 at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company 5th Floor, Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 16 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1938.
2. To elect Directors in room of those retiring by rotation but who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact such other business as may be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 5th January, 1939 to 19th January, 1939 both days inclusive.

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Bombay, 7th December, 1938.
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AROUND THE COURTS

Bombay, Friday

Blood test which is being extensively practised in America and in some of the European countries in cases of disputed paternity will be used for the first time in Bombay in connection with a maintenance case before the Presidency Magistrate, 5th Court, Dadar.

The applicant in this case is a young girl who has filed a case against Mr. K. Bhujanga Rao, a partner of the firm of Bombay Surgical Co. under section 488, C. P. Code, claiming maintenance of Rs. 50 per month for her daughter, alleging that the respondent was the father of the child.

The case was filed more than 18 months back, and the respondent alleged that it was launched with a view to blackmail him.

In March, the applicant informed the Court that in view of the allegation of blackmail suggested against her, she was prepared to submit her child to blood test to determine its paternity. The respondent at that time was not prepared for this.

Recently both parties agreed to submit to blood test for determining whether the respondent is or is not the father of the child and requested the Magistrate to have the test performed by a competent doctor.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Bombay Coroner's jury, to-day, at the inquest on Sitaram Vithal Lot (65) who died of injuries in the K. E. M. Hospital yesterday. He was knocked down by a hack victoria near the Saitan Chowki, while walking along the road.

"The death of Nathu Samant (24) was caused by injuries, received from pieces of glass bottles which exploded while he was making an explosive mixture of chemical powder." This was the verdict of the Bombay Coroner's jury, at the inquest to-day.

Criminal Breach Of Trust

Accused Digamber Vishnu Karmarker (24) charged with criminal breach of trust as a servant in respect of an aggregate sum of Rs 4320-6 between 1st November, 1936, and 1st August, 1937, was sentenced to undergo three months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 100 in default one month more.

Alleged Theft

Rasool Akbarali was placed under arrest by the Gamdevi Police at 1 a.m. to-day on a charge of theft committed in his employer's house to the extent of Rs. 3000 and was placed before the Presidency Magistrate Girgaum to-day.

As enquiries in the case are incomplete the suspect is remanded into police custody till January 1 next pending investigation.

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Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	7 50	17 40
Calcutta Mail (Chhecki)	9 00	20 45
Madras Express	10 10	15 00
Poona Mail	10 25	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 15	18 50
Nagpur Express	13 50	21 35
Poona Fast (Pass.)	17 00	11 50
Poona Express	19 24	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 15	7 00

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Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon)	21 15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

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LOHANA DEPUTATION FOR CALCUTTA

The Silver Jubilee of the Lohana Higher Education Boarding Bombay, is to be celebrated in Easter 1939. A fund has been started for the said purpose with a view to give more help to the deserving Lohana students. Promises for more than Rs. 30,000 have been already received from Bombay. A deputation of the said Institution will leave Bombay to-day (Friday), at 5-40 p.m. (Nagpur Mail from Bori Bunder for Calcutta. Messrs. Mavji Govindji Seth, Goculdas Dwarkadas Raichura, Hariram Jetabhai and Nandlal Chhaganlal, Solicitor, are on the deputation.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, Dec. 23.

The following are the maximum-minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. today:—

Station	Temperature Max	Min	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Total Since 1st Nov	Difference to Normal
Agra	73	40	—	...	-0.3
Amraoti	81	57	--	...	-0.9
Akola	84	49	--	...	0.9
Ahmedabad	86	55	—	...	-0.2
Ahmednagar	84	50	—	...	-0.9
Ambala	75	41	—	...	-0.5
Allahabad	76	51	—	...	-0.5
Benares	76	48	—	...	-0.5
BOMBAY	88	69	—	1.1	+0.7
Bangalore	79	55	—	0.1	-3.3
Baroda	89	61	—	...	—
Belgaum	83	57	—	1.1	-0.9
Bijapur	85	56	—	0.1	-1.2
Bhavnagar	86	58	—	...	-0.1
Calcutta	83	54	—	0.1	-0.8
Cawnpore	78	49	—	...	-0.5
Calicut	89	73	—	1.4	-4.8
Colombo	86	74	T	7.7	-9.0
Cochin	80	74	—	6.4	-1.7
Delhi	71	42	—	...	-0.4
Hyderabad (Dn.)	85	52	—	...	-1.2
Hyderabad (Sd.)	71	49	—	...	-0.1
Indore	80	54	—	...	-0.5
Jhansi	75	49	—	...	-0.3
Jubbulpore	81	51	—	...	-0.8
Jaipur	72	45	—	...	-0.3
Karwar	93	64	—	1.8	-0.2
Karachi	73	54	—	0.2	+0.1
Khandwa	85	50	—	...	-0.8
Lucknow	77	50	—	...	-0.4
Lahore	70	36	—	...	-0.3
Multan	69	40	—	...	-0.3
Mysore	83	60	—	0.4	-2.5
Madras	82	67	—	2.6	-16.6
Marmagoa	90	68	—	1.0	—
Malegaon	83	50	—	0.1	-0.6
Mangalore	93	72	—	2.1	-1.3
Nagpur	84	53	—	...	-1.1
Patna	77	55	—	...	-0.4
Peshawar	64	35	—	1.0	+0.4
Poona	87	50	—	0.3	-0.8
Rangoon	89	63	—	2.9	+6.8
Ratnagiri	94	67	—	2.9	+2.0
Rajkot	84	56	—	...	-0.3
Sholapur	86	53	—	...	-1.5
Simla	60	52	—	0.7	-0.6
Surat	94	65	—	...	-0.2
Trichinopoly	86	65	—	0.7	-6.9

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 Cents:

WEATHER REPORT

POONA, Dec. 23.

In North—forecast until the evening of twenty-fourth: There will be local rain or snow in Kashmir with a few falls in north Punjab and the North-west Frontier. Isolated showers are also likely over the belt from Gujarat to East Central India and in Southeast Madras.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 23-12-1938.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours plus .012 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 73.4 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 65.8 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 88.1 degrees 2.1 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 69.0 degrees 1.1 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 65 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ESE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 8 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 130 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 16 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 7

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 23-12-38

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 75.2 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.06 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.88 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 3190 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 22 hrs. 35 mts. (I.S.T.) on Thursday, the 22nd December, 1938.

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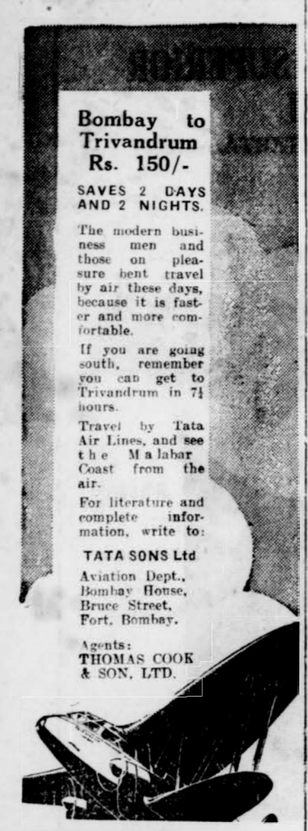

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Horses engaged next Monday were in good work towards the week-end. The following gallops were noted.

CARIOCA (Orme) had the company of DIGNITARY (Bullock) and ROMNEY (Selby) in a rousing nine furlongs gallops. They finished in the same order. First named is fast training on.

MOTKEY (Burn) had HAUT MONDE (Bell) well beaten in a nice pace mile and a quarter spin. He is an improving sort.

GAY TALKIE (Rook) strode out in resolute fashion in a nine furlongs run. Fit and well.

VIDALIN (Burn) covered a mile at a capital pace. Very well just now.

GULLIBLE (Harding) went over the mile at a strong pace and gave satisfaction.

OMEGAN (Meekings) was sent seven furlongs. Moved well.

DANNY BOY (R. Boy) showed good speed when put over the seven furlongs. Not very reliable.

MARK YOU (Bullock) held SAPPHO (Selby) in a dash over the six. Former must be backed again.

ROYAL PALACE (Orme) beat DUNMORE (Brown) over seven furlongs. He is coming along nicely to hand.

MISS GRENVILLE (O'Neale) shaped better than TOLTEC (Burn) in a run over the seven furlongs. Former never reproduces track forms.

KAID SAAUD (Rook) went really well over seven furlongs. Fit.

SUKAB (Burn) accounted for JIRNAS (Orme) in a sharply run seven furlongs.

BANI TAMIM (Fletcher) proved far superior to YANOOS (R. Boy) in a seven furlongs gallop.

SARKHAT (Evans) strode out freely over the mile. Fit and well.

ZAID UL KHAIR (O'Neale) and FAHAD PASHA (Marrable) were well together at the end of a seven furlongs dash.

FIL AL IRAQ (Burn), BON JOUR (Maxwell) and MADHURI (Orme) jumped out together over the seven furlongs. First named was best.

NAZAR (Selby) gave a speedy display for seven furlongs.

ABBAS PASHA (Marrable) travelled like a fit horse over seven furlongs. Should soon be seen to advantage in a sprint event.

LOVELY ONE (M. Jamsher) and ROMANTIC PRINCE (O'Neale) were put over seven furlongs. A smart gallop with the latter moving well.

World Of Sport: Home And Abroad

Excellent Show By University Students: W. I. F. A.'s Arrogance

(BY LOOKER ON).

The University of Bombay held their Inter-Group Sports during the week. Sportsmen from various parts of the Presidency as well as Sind came to this City to measure their strength with the local representatives. Athletes, Swimmers, wrestlers and tennis players vied with one another to uphold the prestige of their respective groups. Bombay was, however, too strong for them all and won the Championship easily. L. Lissenburg of the St. Xavier's College was primarily responsible for their grand victory. The local athletes deserve to be congratulated on their splendid performances. The fact that they were able to overhaul some of the previous records of the University and the Presidency shows that athletics in Bombay are now making rapid strides. The visitors made good shows—particularly in wrestling and tennis. In athletics they need more experience and training to bring them upto Bombay's level. These athletes would do well to participate in the Presidency Olympic Games to gather more experience of big competitions. What pleased everybody the most was the record crowd—for an athletic meeting of course—that had gathered at the Brabourne Stadium on the final day. The University Sports Control Board should be complimented on the splendid manner in which the events were managed.

W.I.F.A. INVITES TROUBLE.

Talking of the University Sport brings me to the burning topic which is agitating the minds of all University footballers in this Presidency. During the last season there was some quarrel between the boys of the Grant Medical and St. Xavier's Colleges in Inter-College match at the Cooperage. This led to some 'ragging' of one or two professors and members of the W.I.F.A. by the medicos. It seems the football authorities took serious notice of the incident and censured Lt.-Col. S. L. Bhatia, Principal of the Grant Medical College, and Mr. S. K. Mukherji, the University representative on the W.I.F.A. I understand the University Syndicate has taken umbrage at this and decided to withdraw the University from the membership of the W.I.F.A. They have also asked all the Colleges under their jurisdiction to have nothing to do with this Association. There is no doubt that this step will not only seriously affect the football activities of this city but also retard the progress of the game to a great extent. Evidently the W.I.F.A. authorities were tactless in handling a delicate situation. Only a graceful gesture on their part can now avoid a permanent rapture between them and the University.

MORE WRESTLING.

After the exhibitions we had a few months ago, we thought that Bombay had seen the last of professional wrestling for some time to come. But we had counted without Mr. Rajendra Singh who has now emerged in the arena as the General Secretary of the All-India Professional Wrestling Association. He assured me that every bout that he will arrange at the newly-erected Stadium at the Marine Drive will be a *bona fide* one. Some of those stars, who had figured prominently on the last occasions like Harbans Singh, Emile Tzaya ("King Kong"), Jei Goldstein, Edmund Von Kraemar and Alfred Bellgarde, will be seen in action again. There are several new comers in Michael Gill, Arty Counsell and others, to enhance the interest of the Tournament. Time will show how the wrestlers fulfil their engagements. I fear they will take a little time before they regain confidence of the public.

TABLE TENNIS FORGING AHEAD.

In the footsteps of Lawn Tennis, the newly popularised game of Table Tennis has arranged an Inter-Provincial and an All-India Championships Tournaments. They will be held at Calcutta shortly. Bombay is sending a strong contingent in H. M. Barafwalla, K. H. and D. H. Kapadia, M. Laljee and R. N. Kanga. The first four will represent Bombay in the Inter-Provincial Tournament and the whole bunch in the All-India Championships. According to Barna and Bellack the Hungarian visitors, Calcutta has the largest following in the game throughout the country which assures a successful inauguration of the Tournaments. It is hoped that Bombay will make a good show in Calcutta and carry home some of the titles at stake.

DADAR BLACK PRINCE HANDICAP BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The finals of the above tournament took place on Thursday evening at the Dadar. Mr. N. J. Driver won the game and carried away the big Silver Cup of the tournament. The runner-up was Mr. Padgaokar who also got a cue, along with his runner-up Silver Cup, for the highest break in the tournament.

There was a fairly good and appreciative gathering present throughout. Such tournaments help to keep-up the sporting spirit in the northern end of the Island.

Anjuman-i-Islam High School For Final Of Harris Shield

The semi-final of the Lord Harris Shield Cricket tournament was played on the Islam Gymkhana ground on Tuesday between the Anjuman-i-Islam High School and the Wilson High School. Winning the toss the Anjuman went in for batting and scored 219 runs. Master Ibrahim's valuable addition of 59 runs is worth mentioning. The Wilson High School were all down for 145. Master Sangit remained unbeaten with 60 runs to his credit. The Anjuman scored 190 for 3 wickets in second innings, establishing highest partnership record of 126 runs for the Harris Shield. At this stage the innings was declared closed by Master Anwar, captain of Aujuman, and the Wilson School went for batting, scoring 40 runs for 6 wickets before the stumps were finally drawn.

The Anjuman-i-Islam High School thus qualified itself for the final.

Kher And Morarji For Gujarat

The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister accompanied by the Hon. Mr. M. R. Desai, Revenue Minister, will tour in Gujarat from January 11 to 18. They will be in Panch Mahals on January 11 and 12; in Kaira January 13 to 14; in Broach January 15 to 16 and in Surat January 17 to 18, returning to Bombay on January 19.

S. K. Barodawalla For Corporation

Mr. Salebhoy K. Barodawalla is standing as a candidate for the next Bombay Municipal Corporation election from "B" Ward No. 3, Division 1. Mandvi Chakla. One of his sons is intending to stand in this election from some other Ward

Selections For To-day's Races

Bachelor's Bard Should Win Aga Shamshuddin Plate

By "SENEX"

The Aga Shamshuddin Plate regarded as the season's sprint classic has attracted a small field. Bachelor's Bard is so well at the moment that I think he will win.

1-45 p. m. The Mahim Plate—7 furlongs.
- ROSE MARIE 1
- ADVANCE 2

2-15 p. m. The December Handicap, Div. II—6 furlongs.
- BED MINX 1
- BRACES 2
- BABY BOY 3

2-45 p. m. The Punjab Plate—6 furlongs
- BLUE TINSEL 1
- JAYANT 2
- KING'S WINE 3

3-15 p. m. The December Plate Div. II—6 furlongs.
- BIRTHDAY GIFT 1
- SATYR 2
- ANITA 3

3-45 p. m. The Queensland Plate Div. II—6 furlongs.
- MANIFOLD 1
- APPLE JELLY 2
- HOROSCOPE 3

4-15 p. m. The Kempton Park Plate—1 mile.
- LOVE CALL 1
- CASH 2
- BUDAPEST 3

5-15 p. m. The Queensland Plate Div. I—6 furlongs.
- ROSEWOOD 1
- KINGSBURY 2
- GREEK ARTIST 3

5-15 p. m. The Aga Shamshuddin Plate—6 furlongs.
- BACHELOR'S BARD 1
- GLANELY 2
- GIPSY JACK 3

5-45 p. m. The Sion Plate—1-1/4 miles.
- AL MUQBIL 1
- TAJ AL NUSSER 2
- TOHOLLA 3

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Bombay—I Programme

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TRANSMISSION I

A.M. 8-0 You Asked for It K. L. Saigal Zohra Jan 8-30 Selected by Mrs. Kamini Atal Khan Sahib Abdul Karim Khan Zohrabai Omkarnath Thakur Narayan Rao Vyas Vasant Amrit J. L. Ranade Angurbala Ratna Prabha 9-0 Close down.

TRANSMISSION II

NOON 12-0 The Bombay Radio Orchestra.

P.M. 12-0 Shajahan 12-25 Recitations from Gujarati Poetry By Vachaspati 12-30 Amanat Ali Khan: Light Classical Music 12-55 Available Market Rates and Announcements 1-5 Lunch Hour Music Eddie Farley and his Orchestra 1-30 Children's Hour Xmas Eve Christmas music by the Hohner Harmonica Orchestra Songs—Recitations—Solos.

TRANSMISSION III

P.M. 3-30 For Children (Gujarati) 4-0 Marathi Skits 4-15 Gokul ki Sham. A Hindustani musical play by H. M. V. Dramatic Party 4-30 Close down.

TRANSMISSION IV

P.M. 6-0 Shamsuddin: Geet with Orchestra 6-10 Ten Minutes in Mimicry 6-20 Gujarati Garbas Mrinalini Hazrat and Party 6-30 For the Bhumijan Agricultural Schemes: A talk Hirabai Barodekar. The news; Weather report and market rates Mimicries and skits: the Bombay Radio Orchestras. Popular tunes 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 String Music 8-0 How I Write a Short Story. A talk in Gujarati by Ramanarayan Pathak 8-15 Amanat Ali Khan: Light Classical Music 8-35 Tyacha Shodh. A Marathi play written by Sunder B. Mankar 9-0 The News (Hindustani) 9-15 The Bombay Radio Orchestra Two popular selections 9-30 The News 9-50 Santa Claus Comes Home. A talk by G. C. Bannerjee 10-5 Shajahan 10-15 Shahanai on the Instruments Dattaram Parwatker. Pandit Madhavlal 10-22 Amanat Ali Khan 11-0 Epilogue, Christmas Carols by Salvation Army Chorus.

Delhi—I Programme

V U D 338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

TRANSMISSION I

8-0 Sitar Makers and Musicians making Ratnagar Sitar 8-15 Shirinbai of Gwalior. 8-30 A sarangi recital by Talib Husain. 8-35 Q. S. Zahur. 8-50 The morning news (Hindustani). 9-0 The morning news (English). 9-10 Munawwar Khan. 9-30 Shirinbai of Gwalior Todi. 9-45 Q. S. Zahur. 10-0 Time signal. Close down.

TRANSMISSION II

12-0 noon Woman's world. 12-30 p.m. A selection of Gramophone records. 1-0 Contrasts, Bernabas Von Zeczy and his orchestra.

TRANSMISSION III

6-0 p.m. The early evening news (English). 6-5 The early evening news (Hindustani). 6-10 Munawar Khan. 6-30 A violin recital. 6-40 In a Devotional mood, Shirinbai of Gwalior. 7-0 for Villagers only. 8-0 History in the making. 8-15 K. S. Zahoor. 8-35 Poems of Nazir Akbarabadi a recitation. 8-45 A vocal Miscellany. 9-15 The evening news (Hindustani). 9-30 The evening news (English). 9-45 Local news and announcements (Hindustani). 9-15 Shirinbai of Gwalior. 10-0 Chirstmas Eve, a talk by Major W. E. Maxwell. 10-15 Nazrana.

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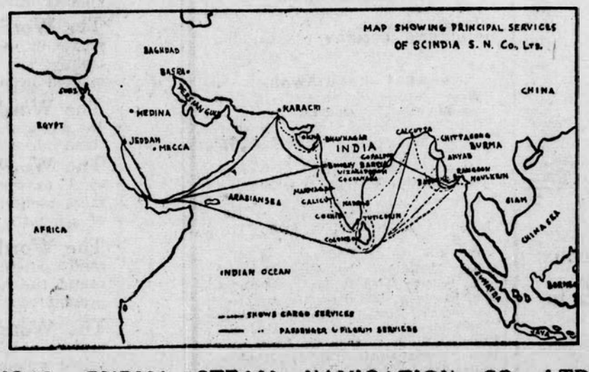

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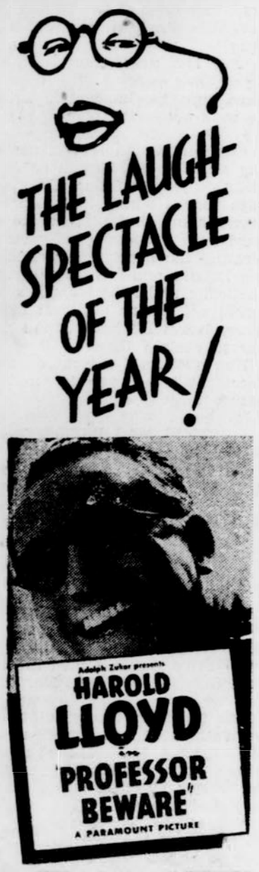

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Lowtide: 7-45; 19-13
Sunrise: 7h. 8m.
Sunset: 6h. 9m.

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE.

MATTOO—PATKAR—On the 17th December, 1938, Miss Prabhavati Bhagvant Patkar, daughter of late Dr. Bhagvant S. Patkar of Bombay with Mr. N. K. Mattoo of Shrinagar. (11175)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

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A wall calendar from Eruch D. Engineer and Co., Bombay.

A diary and a wall calendar from the Anath Vidyarthi Griha, Poona.

A wall calendar from the Hero Calendars, Bombay.

BIRTH-DAY OF SRI GOVIND SINGH

Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Bandra has arranged to celebrate the birth-day anniversary of the Great Guru Govind Singh on Sunday the 25th December 1938 at St. Peter's Road, Bandra from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. The procession will start at 3 p.m

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—"Too Hot to Handle" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"There Goes My Heart" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Sisters" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Carefree" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bhabi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Brother Rat" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EROS—"That Certain Age" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Harold Lloyd in Professor Beware" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WELLINGTON—"The Girl of the Golden West" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Prof. Vaman M. Sc" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, 1-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"My Son" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"The Street Singer" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Puran Bhakta" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
SUPER—"Mr. X" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10-15 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Modern Times" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Nirmala" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—Industrial India" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
PLAZA—"Gopal Krishna" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Zamana" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Brahmachari" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

There will be a debate on Sunday at 10 a.m. on "Gandhism leads to Decay" when Mr. T. K. Menon will move the proposition, and Mr. Md Hanif will oppose it

NATRAJA VASHIS TOUR

Natraja Vashi, the well-known dancer, who recently made a tour of Gujrat and Kathiawar studying the local folk-arts, has now left for Northern India to study the prevalent modes of classical dancing there.

J. P.S' DINNER TO GOVERNOR

The President and members of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates of Bombay will meet His Excellency The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley at a Dinner at the Willingdon Sports Club at 8-15 p.m on Tuesday 7th February, 1939.

BAHA'I ASSEMBLY

Miss Marhtha L. Root, will speak on "Culture and World Peace" at Sir Cawasji Jehangir Hall, to-day (Saturday), at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) Mme Shirin Fozdar and Mr. Ilmi and Mr. Vakil will also address the gathering. Mr K Natrajan will preside.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

H. H. The Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior and Staff Officer, the Rt: Hon'ble Sir Akbar Hydari, His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, Sir C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Mr. S. Chidambaram and Mr. H. V. Hodson lunched at Government House on Friday.

Mr. H. F. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. G. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Low dined at Government House on Friday.

OPENING OF CHATTERJEE MEMORIAL HALL

The opening ceremony of Mr. A. C. Chatterjee Memorial Hall of the Bengal Educational Society erected in memory of the late Mr. A. C. Chatterjee will take place to-day (Saturday), at 4-30 p.m. Mrs. Hansa Mehta M.L.C., will preside over the function.

The annual prize distribution of the Anglo-Bengali High School will also take place on the same occasion, and a dance drama 'Shakuntala' will be staged by the pupils of the school

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Dec. 31	"Kid Millions" with EDDIE CANTOR
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Well-known Hindi Scholar

Death has occurred of Acharya Mahabir Prasad Dwivedi, well-known Hindi scholar.

Pandit Mahabir Prasad had an attack of dropsy. He was 70 years old. He was the first Editor of "Saraswati".

To-day's Reception To Meherally

Sjt. Yusuf Meherally will be returning to India after his extensive tour of Europe and America to-day, (Saturday). He will be received by the Congress Socialist Party at the Ballard Pier at 8 a.m.

There will be a public meeting in the Congress House compound under the joint auspices of the Congress Socialist Party, All-India States Peoples' Conference, Cutch Praja Parishad, Bombay Students' Union, Gumastha Mahamandal, Bhadekari Sangh, "A" Ward Congress Committee, "G" Ward Congress Committee, Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, B.E.S.T. omnibus Drivers' Union, B.E.S.T. Omnibus Conductors' Union, B.E.S.T. Tramway Traffic Union, the K. E. M. Hospital Employees Union for the reception of Mr Meherally to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m.

The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, Bombay Government, conversing with Principal Gerard of the J. J. School of Arts.

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2. This ruling will come into effect from the 15th of January 1939. Our new time tables are being altered accordingly

PHYSICAL CULTURE CONFERENCE

The Honourable Mr. K. M. Munshi, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, will preside over this first session of the Western and Central India Physical Culture Conference.

The Honourable Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay Government will inaugurate both the conferences.

The following programme will give an idea about the deleberations of the Conference.

PROGRAMME

24th December 1938 Morning 8 to 11 All Maharashtra tournaments of (i) Lathicut, (ii) Farigadga.

Place: St. Xavier's College Stadium, Parel.

Noon 3 to 5-30. Session of All Maharashtra Physical Culture Conference

President: Raj Ratna General Nanasaheb Shinde. Retired G.O.C. of the Baroda State Army. Chairman Reception Committee, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, M.A. M.D D.P.H. Place: St. Xavier's College Stadium, Parel.

Evening 6 to 8. Discussion:—Wrestling, Massage and Diet. Place:—R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel.

Night 8-30. Meeting of the Subjects Committee.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS.

The General Secretary for the B. N. Guards has issued the following appeal to volunteers:—

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Saturday, (24th Dec.) Parel Tramstop 2-0 p.m.; Sunday, (25th Dec) Congress House 7-30 a.m. and Parel Tramstop 2-0 p.m.; Monday, (26th Dec.) Parel Tram-stop 7-0 a.m.

N.B.—Fares etc. will be fully paid.

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The Western India Blended Genuine Ghee Co. Ltd., has launched upon a big venture by undertaking to supply Bombay and its suburbs pure and undiluted ghee in the place of adulterated stuff. The foundation ceremony of the Factory and the Refinery was performed some months back. The opening ceremony of the Factory and the Refinery took place on Thursday at Sewri. The compound was gaily decorated with flowers and flags and there was a large gathering present. Amongst those present were Dr. Mehesheri, Seth Mathuradas Vassanji, Seth Ratansi Hirji Govindji., Seth Maganlal Parbhudas, Messrs. Gunvantlal and Manilal Kapadia, Nanubhai Desai and many prominent merchants from various markets. Seth Mathuradas Vissanji performed the opening ceremony.

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NATIONAL SHIPPING

The opening of the Scindia House by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Friday is a notable event in the history not only of the Scindia Company but also of modern national shipping in India. It is obviously on account of its national importance that the occasion has called forth cordial messages to the company from the Congress President, eminent Indian leaders like Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Aga Khan, and the Premiers of all the Provincial Governments and of Burma and from various Princes. As Mr. Walchand Hirachand, the Chairman of the Company and its moving spirit, observed in his opening speech, these messages "clearly indicate the strong and widespread feeling of sympathy which pervades the whole country towards the struggles and aspirations of this Company which is recognised as a national institution." The Scindia House itself symbolises, in its stately solid structure, the solid achievements of the Company in the past in reviving Indian shipping in face of tremendous odds and its determination to defy all the gusts and storms of opposition seeking to wreck it.

Scindia's Achievements

The achievements of the Scindia Company during the last twenty years of its existence are, indeed, worthy of the highest admiration. Foreign shipping interests, having destroyed Indian shipping completely, so jealously guarded their monopoly, with the ever-ready co-operation of the Government of India, that they had destroyed about forty Indian shipping concerns before the Scindias entered the arena. This company, too, had to fight the vested foreign interests at every stage and is still fighting them with no help whatsoever from the Government of India. How its very first passenger ship that sailed to London in 1919 was unfairly subjected there to an unusual detention for six months for its survey, which could have been normally completed in three weeks, how its best cargo ships classed as 100-A. 1 at Lloyds were treated as second and third class ships by the foreign insurance companies in India, how again and again it had to face ruthless rate wars started by foreign concerns are only a few of the extraordinary difficulties vividly set forth in Mr. Walchand's opening speech, which deserves to be fully read by every Indian interested in national shipping. Thanks, however, to the Company's ample resources and its sound business acumen it has been able to overcome all its difficulties and is now in an unassailable position. Shipping is not only a vital transport industry but is also a key industry which offers a training ground and a feeder for a real National Navy as well as the second line of defence in times of emergency. Mr. Walchand Hirachand referred to the numerous difficulties experienced by the Scindia Company, in building up their coastal services and showed how apathetic the Government of this country have been in regard to this important question and what constitutional safeguards now impede the development of national shipping. While the Government of India have given protection not only to other important industries like textile, steel and sugar but also to different kinds of transport like the railways and airways and even shipping when owned and controlled by non-Indians, they declined such assistance or encouragement to incipient Indian enterprises. When the question of Governmental support to Indian ventures is considered, the authorities, who always taunt Indians for lack of constructive abilities, discourage, if they do not actively obstruct and hamper, constructive efforts for the promotion of India's economic development. Not long ago a proposal for inauguration of a passenger service between India and Europe did not receive the slightest consideration of the Government and was summarily rejected. More recently, we have had eloquent proof of futility of a policy of "negotiations and goodwill" in the termination of the agreement made through the efforts of the Commerce Member regarding the Haj traffic by the British shipping company of its own accord. The British shipping interests can afford to treat with contempt even the most modest and reasonable demands of Indian shipping and can even go to the length of defying the Delhi authorities, because they know too well that the springs of power in such vital economic matters are in Whitehall but we would warn them in all seriousness not to bank too much on commercial safeguards and not to rely on the reactionary character of the Central Government.

National Service

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Scindia company is that it has maintained a thoroughly national policy, which it has consistently refused to compromise even when tempted with baits of profit by rival companies. Indianisation of its services both ashore and afloat has been the ideal which the Company has steadily and actively pursued from its very start. It has trained Indians to manage its offices and it has appointed Indians as Agents to look after its affairs at different ports. Its entire services ashore are manned to-day by Indians only and it is a piece of rare good fortune that it has been able to secure capable Indians as its technical advisers ashore both as Marine Superintendents and as Superintending Engineers. It has also engaged sixty qualified cadets of the Training ship "Dufferin" and has sent a number of them to England to enable them to receive their higher certificates. The Wireless installation on every ship of the Company is in charge of an Indian as Wireless Operator, and the Company has also supplied Indians as Wireless Operators to the other Indian ships trading on the coast. All these services of the Company to the cause of Indian shipping and maritime service have naturally won for it country-wide sympathy and support, and Sardar Vallabhbhai rightly pointed out in opening the Scindia House that the Company's national policy was at once its greatest service and greatest asset in fighting foreign vested interest. His assurance that the Company would always receive the fullest support of the Congress and the country so long as it pursued its national policy will be supported by every Indian. Both the Sardar and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, who unveiled the statue of the late Mr. Narottam Morarji, the founder of the Company, gave a timely warning to the foreign shipping interests that are still seeking to destroy Indian enterprise, that it would be best for them to live and let live and to give to India her legitimate due and to rely more on India's goodwill than on the commercial safeguards in the Constitution. Those safeguards, they pointed out, would be shattered to pieces if the British forfeited Indian goodwill. Foreign interests may not heed the warning soon enough. It is, therefore, up to the public to give every possible support to the only national shipping company of India against the assaults thereon by foreign concerns.

Britain And Japan

The Japanese Premier Prince Konoye's latest pronouncement about Japan's determination that "all symbols of British imperialism should be obliterated in Asia" need hardly surprise anyone who understands the logic underlying the Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis. It must also be interpreted as a strategy inherent in the reality of the axis: and while the voice is the voice of the ex-Japanese Marxist, we recognise in it the authentic account of the Fascist International. The Japanese little brother, tired of the prayer that the British big brother might still repent and strengthen the filial tie—of which the Japanese know how to make a song—is taking a firm and final decision. Is it too tale to retreat to the path of righteousness and make something worth while of the China deal—say fifty-fifty, haggling apart? Japan has perhaps finally despaired of such story book repentance. So much the worse for these muddle-headed British with their precious Christian conscience.

The House Of Scindia

By D. F. Karaka

Midst a jungle of stone that is Ballard Estate, drab, cold, motionless, one saw the colours of the nation draped upon a new building that has arisen in its midst. It was the inauguration of Scindia House.

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It was Swadeshi day with a vengeance. The flags, the bannisters, the people, the service, the invitations, the management, the chief guest were all swadeshi. One felt faintly conscious of the new India that has sprung up on its own ashes to tell the world of its new power and its new strength.

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That was what I felt as I attended the opening of the new home of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company. It was not just the usual sort of house-warming where glib speeches are made and hopes are expressed which are never to be fulfilled. The opening of Scindia House was more than an event in the commercial life of our town. It was almost an event in our national history.

Twenty years have gone since a handful of enthusiastic businessmen gathered together to buy a small ship. It was called: "Loyalty." To-day that little vessel has grown into a group of vessels —the premier national concern of its kind in the history of Indian shipping.

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"Loyalty" is an ominous word. It expresses that duty which those who formed the Scindia company have discharged to their country and their people. There was a time when the greater financial power of Lord Inchcape was brought to bear upon this struggling steamship company. Then they could have sold their shares and pocketed a tidy sum, but it would have meant the end of shipping for India and the permanent supremacy of the foreigner.

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But the fates had willed it otherwise and in the tribute that Vallabhbhai Patel paid to the house of Scindia he mentioned this spirit of loyalty, which saved this steamship company for India.

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To hear Vallabhbhai Patel speak was to feel stimulated to the core. He spoke in Gujarati—quietly, modestly, and with great dignity. His voice was never raised, his gestures were extremely quiet. Only that bitterness within him of the years of foreign domination came out now and again like burning vitriol. His references to the British attempts to stifle all legitimate Indian aspirations, to the efforts to suck the blood out of us till there was little else left except marrowless bones, to the humility we had been made to suffer were some of the finest pieces of rhetoric I have ever listened to.

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One saw in him the type of sincerity and courage, one finds in George Lansbury. A man of the people, he is capable of and has made the sacrifice that is demanded of him. Fear is something he has not felt. It is the sort of example one wishes to have the courage to emulate.

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In sharp contrast was the more placid, parliamentarian speech of Bhulabhai Desai. Sound, steady, well-balanced. But with all its fine qualities one felt that the great Sardar had run away with the day, because young men like me cannot resist the more dangerous, the more fighting, the more mysterious path to one which is more reasoned and secure.

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Yet it is as well that these two force co-exist in the Congress. Too much vitriol or too much placidity would not be to the Congress' advantage. As Bhulabhai said himelf, this team-work of the two of them can achieve more than the efforts of any one of them. It was as if Bhulabhai appealed to the head by means of a colder logic, whereas the Sardar appealed to the heart by way of emotion. It was the difference between the lawyer and the politician.

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Others too had graced the occasion with their presence. I saw to my pleasant surprise the Dewan of Baroda. He always makes

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OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

Franco-Italian Tension

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PRAGUE: Dec. 15.

A rather serious view is taken in the European Press generally about tension between France and Italy brought to light and stressed newly by certain happenings. The Italian Press, following a recent speech of the Italian Foreign Secretary, Count Ciano has been holding up some pointed demands to France. Though the Foreign Secretary of Italy in his speech under reference, alluding to Italy's care to her "natural aspirations," struck a vaguely cautious tone, the Italian Press has, in comments and articles proceeded to supply to the expression "natural aspirations" a concreteness. Leading Italian papers and publicists have advanced in association with this speech of Count Ciano, the attention of Rome to bring about an alteration in regard to Suez, Djibouti, Tunis, Corsica and Savoy, a prominence being given to the first three. Fantastic as these demands may probably have sounded to many some time back, recent developments teach one not to assign them fully to the realm of incredibility. The statements and declarations in the Italian press, knowing the nature of the Italian Press, and the demonstrations that followed the speech of Count Ciano, reflect official support to the Italian claims against France as fomulated and advanced by Italian papers.

Mussolini's Aims

It may of course be that Mussolini sees in the advancing of high demands a means to secure some smaller concessions or concessions in other directions. It is viewed that he has greatly in view the securing of belligerent rights for General Franco, a higher estimate being put to it now as a means to secure success for General Franco. At the same time, there are reasons to consider that Mussolini has before his eyes aims of a wider nature towards a resettlement of the Mediterranean situation, so that, certain terms, though put or pushed to the background, for a while, are likely under conditions to turn up again and may be quickly. Germany's attitude is one of benevolence to Italy. If an activity is lacking about it now, it is greatly also because Germany in a way is extending pressure on Britain to counteract Britain's moves towards creating some walls of support in South-eastern Europe and further is closely engaged in the process of working towards increasing of hold in easterly direction. There would seem to be an understanding in the method of putting up pressure on the two Western Powers (France and England) by the two dictatorial States. A keenly expanded military machinery standing on an economic basis of considerable rigidity lends the dictatorial Powers greater urge to assertive courses although mixed with much risk on the foreign sphere. The urge to-day appears even greater, with estimates of critical trends in certain circles outside developing, actually giving a drive to force a pace.

Germany's Attention To Memel

The question of Germany's attention to Memel has stood much in the forefront of interest this week in Europe. The comments of the German Press in connection with the new elections for the Memel Diet clearly indicated Berlin's intention of extending hold over Memel, working as in Danzig through the German population of the town. The tone of the German Press reflects well enough a confidence assumed of asserting a policy of extension of German hold. "Frankfurter Zeitung," the important German daily, that often voices the opinion of Wilhelmstrasse, declares in a leading article, that with Lithuania showing sufficient understanding Germany may not find called to undertake any radical moves. But a warning is projected of such moves being extended under conditions. A vagueness often deliberately adopted by Germany in pushing a policy in relation to foreign affairs, is maintained in regard to what Berlin understands under "sufficient understanding." There are, however, references to an autonomous regime being established, which, as matters are, will assure a great extension of German control over Memel. A restraint, timed at any rate, is shown to Lithuania, viewed as due to the care not to let Lithuanian opinion be exploited by Poland. Warsaw, in fact, has to face the weight of currents released by certain aggressive moves carried out against Lithuania, even as it has to do the same in relation to Czechoslovakia. Germany's Memel policy reflects the tendency to secure vantage positions against Poland as well. It is a counter-part of a course pushed in relation to Ruthenia. Both together give an added importance to the issue of Polish-German relations that is expected to come up for a hard test and gain a significance in the period before.

Czechoslovakia's Stand

The new Premier of Czechoslovakia Rudolph Beran made this week a much awaited statement before the Parliament in Prague. In regard to internal affairs, he indicated, care being given closely and vigorously to ensure what he on previous occasions had described as "disciplined democracy." The Premier referred to important measures being carried out to meet new labour problems that the State has been called to face. In this connection he emphasized the development of new lines of communications and reorganization of industrial life. The latter he stated would involve both extension of certain undertakings and opening of new ones, both as he suggested, made easy owing to important technical requisites being well at hand. Czechoslovakia, he stressed, retains its character as a pronounced industrial State also after the changes of the recent period—the percentage employed in industries is now as a matter of fact slightly higher than before—and the Premier underlined great care being devoted to hold up well the course of the country's foreign trade. In regard to foreign affairs a position of prominence was given in the reference to understanding with Germany. There was no mention of the Soviet Union. In Slovakia there is a tendency to model rather closely after Germany in regard to certain matters. The references of the Premier to no reductions being made in salaries and to new investments have considerably added to the confidence. Despite all the trying changes of the recent period the economic life in Czechoslovakia is less rigid than in most other lands in Central and South-eastern Europe. The French Military Mission that has been staying in Czechoslovakia continuously for the last twenty years is to be definitely liquidated by the end of the year. Indicative of a new importance of Ruthenia, following Germany, Poland and Rumania have also already decided to have General

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

IN REBEL SPAIN

Something is happening in rebel Spain. Mysterious messages have been coming from Burgos hinting at extensive espionage activity. A package in a British diplomatic valise is alleged to have contained documents intended to inform the "enemy"—the Republicans—of future military operations. The British Vice-Consul, who was "innocently" carrying the valise, is said to have nothing to do with the suspect documents which, it would appear, were secreted in the bag without his knowledge. There is nothing very sensational in this spy scare except that this leakage may have led to the postponement of the rebel offensive against Catalonia. What is far more important, however, is a little bit of news sandwiched in a mess of other irrelevant matter. "Reports from "Reuter" correspondents refer firstly to 200 arrests in San Sebastian in connection with a currency smuggling scandal and, secondly, *to trouble among civilian population in North-West Spain* which resulted in one or two divisions of troops being sent to the spot." No details are available but it does speak of simmering discontent among the civil population of Franco's territory. It is this factor which so many foreign observers seem to ignore and which will ultimately prove the undoing of the rebel General in spite of his apparently strong military position.

A. R. P.

The problem of the A.R.P. in England does not solve itself easily although the British press and the public may derive some satisfaction at having dissipated some of the official indifference in a matter that involves considerations of life and death to the civil population exposed to the menace of aerial bombardment. The statement recently made by the new Lord Privy Seal, whose appointment is generally regarded as an impressive concession to public sentiment and criticism, does not, however, appear to be particularly reassuring. All air-raid precautions involve highly technical questions such as those of effective measures calculated not merely to protect the civil population but also to preserve its 'morale' by minimising the danger of panic, facilities for prompt and efficient evacuation, immunity against enemy attacks against public utility—railways water works and electricity—plant and industrial factories. And the problem of finding out ways and means—essentially a Treasury problem—and of complete co-operation between the public the local authority and the civil and military defence organisation is yet to be solved and can only be solved when the Government recognizes the need of taking the public into its confidence.

"SOLVE-ALL" POLICY

Paradoxically enough, the air-raid panic is being exploited by the Chamberlain Government for its policy of 'appeasement.' For Mr. Chamberlain, it is a solve-all policy; he is obviously gambling on the chance that the dictators would agree to disarm automatically and join him with joyful hearts in the task he is setting himself of building the new Jerusalem of peace in Europe. He is playing the shrewd city man with his slogan "Give 'em what they want and they will disarm and talk peace." It is a lost and hopeless illusion. This political situation explains the paralysis that has crept over the British organisation of defence in all its aspects. As in France Labour is dissatisfied and sullen; there is a marked lack of confidence in the efficacy of Governmental action. And if there is any single lesson of Spain it is not that of bomb-proof shelters (with which that great administrator, Sir John Anderson, is experimenting) but of the role human 'morale' plays in passive anti-raid defence. It is born out of faith in and loyalty to their leaders, the determination not to be terrorized and demoralized by the horrors hurled by licensed international incendiaries who are to-day trampling on every principle of human decency and civilization.

V. J. T. INSTITUTE

The golden Jubilee of the Victoria Technical Institute, besides being an auspicious event in itself, is being celebrated at an auspicious time, when the first National Planning Committee has just begun its deliberations in Bombay. Bombay is the foremost industrial city in the country and the V. J. T. Institute is easily the foremost industrial institution in this city if not the country. Founded in the year 1888, it has played a creditable part in making the nation more industrially minded and its alumni can be found in all corners of the country. From its very inception, the Institute has been fortunate in having the guidance of some of the most eminent citizens of Bombay and their association is reflected in its steady growth and increasing efficiency. The Golden Jubilee is a proud landmark in the Institute's history and it is gratifying to note that the trustees propose to commemorate the happy occasion by inaugurating a Golden Jubilee Fund in order to put the Institute on an up-to-date basis. The present resources of the Institute are sufficient only for the recurring expenditure and a public appeal, headed by the Prime Minister of Bombay is, therefore, being issued for contributions to the Fund. One cannot too strongly stress the need of such institutions to this country and we trust that all those interested in the industrial regeneration of India will extend their prompt and generous support to the Golden Jubilee Fund.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"Their (Congress) resolution declaring the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha as "communal bodies", brings the question to the fore that if the Muslims and the Hindus are thus excluded from the pale of the Congress organisation, whom will the Congress now represent and in whose name will it now speak?"

—Sir Abdulla Haroon.

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A Japanese newspaper demands that "all symbols of British imperialism should be obliterated in Asia."

This is a new version of the Open Door policy. The door is kept open for honourable British to walk out.

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Commenting on reports regarding the proposed British or American loans to China, the paper says that a section of Japanese Government circles tends to regard such proposals as "demonstrating the impossibility of making Britain and America sympathetically understand Japan's national aspirations and real intentions, however hard Japan may try to explain them."

How about a few more Panay "accidents" to explain matters satisfactorily?

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—Which will not be sent this year.

(1) From Hitler to Mussolini—A gramophone record of the popular song, "Sweetheart, We Need Each Other." (Sung in B. Minor).

(2) From Daladier to Mussolini—Tunis.

(3) From Chamberlain to Hitler—A blank cheque.

(4) From Hitler to President Roosevelt—A consignment of Jews.

(5) From Dewan Cadell to Thakore Saheb—His resignation.

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The German Charge d'Affaires in Washington has lodged a protest against Mr. Icke's speech which, it is complained, contained "vulgar invective and defamatory declarations."

And, if you know the law of libel, truth is no defence!

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German Girls Prefer Dutchmen

That's what Reuter's Amsterdam message says. Obviously, a sequel to 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.'

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In the new "election" in Ruthenia, there's only one vote to cast and one list of candidates.

It's time the New English Dictionary aryanized or merely ironed and potasium-permanganated the meaning of election. It's clearly a synonym of dictation.

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The American thug who labelled ammunition cases "Milk of Magnesia" is perhaps the greatest living philosopher since Marcus Aurelius.

No wonder, they should want to to make him drink out of Socrates' cup of poison. A mad world, my masters.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) The derailment of a train in Mexico was caused by Leon Trotsky.

(2) Hindu Mahasabhites and Muslim Leaguers will picket the next session of Congress demanding to be made office-bearers.

(3) It is getting so cold in Europe for Christmas that the milk of human kindness has turned into ice cream.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Only a very sober man can walk a tight rope.

Some men are for ever mistaking notoriety for fame.

A coward is a man who knows he's wrong and refuses to admit it.

Even busy men are never too busy to stop and look at a dog fight.

A woman's idea of a happy demise is to be crushed to death in a shopping crowd.

There are men who wouldn't dare read the Declaration of Independence to their wives.

German-American Relations Strained

U. S. Rejects Demand For Apology For Mr. Icke's Speech

WASHINGTON, December 22.

Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed to-day that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech of Mr. Icke's on December 18 in which the latter denounced fascisms as "more cruel if more refined voodooism" which was an ever present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statement to the German Charge D'Affaires, Doctor Thomsen, is couched in strong and uncompromising terms which the United States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government. Exchange has brought an extremely sharp new strain on German-American relations.

Mr. Welles told the German Charge D'Affaires, Doctor Thomsen, that Germany's request came with singular ill-grace and impropriety from a Government which had so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including Presidents Wilson and Roosevelt and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people. He said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred for many decades.

He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as Mr. Ickes' were inevitable and Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was purely a domestic question in which Germany could have no concern whatever and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued the German Government had no right to suppose that attacks of the same character would not continue in the United States.

Mr. Welles concluded by expressing his personal belief that public recriminations by any country against another were not conducive to good relations between the peoples of the world.—Reuter.

NAZI THREATS TO AMERICAN ARTISTES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

Because of the speeches they made at the opening of the Theatre Arts Committee campaign on behalf of refugees, the actors Raymond Massey and Walter Huston and journalist Dorothy Thompson have received threatening letters from anonymous Nazi sympathisers. The letters declare that the speeches stamped them as definite enemies of the new greater Germany and that such displays must and shall be stopped and warn that "they and theirs will be taken care of. The letters add: "Cease spreading such contemptible lies."—Reuter.

AMERICANS DISLIKE DICTATORIAL RULE

Secretary Of Foreign Relations Committee Issues 4-Point Statement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

Senator Pittman, Chairman, of the Foreign Relations Committee, has issued a four-point statement: The people of the United States do not like the Government of Japan; the people of the United States do not like the Government of Germany; the people of the United States, in my opinion are against any form of dictatorial Government, Communist or Fascist; the people of the United States have a right and power to enforce morality and justice in accordance with the peace treaties and they will.

The Government does not have to use military force and will not do so unless necessary.

At a press conference afterwards Senator Pittman said that the statement represented his own personal views and was offered "as a beneficial statement Fascism".—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY

Lima Conference Resolution

LIMA, Dec. 23.

A resolution has been adopted unanimously at the Pan American Conference which declares the decision of 21 Republics to maintain and defend continental solidarity "against all foreign intervention and activities."

Drawn up by the Argentine delegation the resolution refrains from all specific mention of agression from outside the continent, a point on which Argentina had insisted throughout the protracted discussions and signifies the defeat of declaration against aggression sponsored by the United States which was at one time approved by a majority.

The resolution says, it is "the common concern" of American nations "in case the peace, security or territorial integrity of any American Republic is threatened by acts of any nature".

Earlier, the Conference passed a resolution "deploring religious, racial persecutions as contrary to all its politics and juridical rules".—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CALLS ON MR. ICKES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

President Roosevelt unexpectedly called on Mr. Ickes at Mr. Icke's home late last night. The purpose of the visit is not disclosed.—Reuter.

General Amnesty For Frontier Inhabitants

BERLIN: Dec. 22.

An agreement has been reached between the delegates of the German and Czechoslovak Governments declaring general amnesty for the inhabitants of the Frontier regions, according to a German news Agency.—Reuter.

The Chamber finally passed the budget by 366 votes to 229.—Reuter.

HUNGARY FOLLOWS GERMANY

Progressive Ban On Jews Envisaged In Measure Before Parliament

BUDAPEST, Dec. 23.

New restrictions on Jews are proposed under the terms of a Bill, backed by the Government Party which has just been made public, will shortly to be debated upon in Parliament and if made law must be carried out before January, 1943.

Drafted on a racial basis the Bill stipulates that only 6 per cent. of the members of Parliament and municipalities, medical and legal professions can be jews and prohibits their membership in the Upper Chamber, denies them right to be editors, publishers, cinema and theatrical producers after December, 1939. Jews also must vote separately, thirty days after others, in general elections.

Ex-servicemen with decorations and war invalids are exempted from these restrictions.—Reuter

AMERICAN PRESS JOINS PROTEST

NEW YORK: Dec. 23.

The American people do not greatly care what the German Government Press and officials think, because they know that the German Government are fundamentally opposed to every principle of personal liberty, every standard of public conduct and every article of Democratic faith in which the American people profoundly believe," says the "New York times," supporting Mr. Sumner Welles' attitude on the German protest against Mr. Ickes' speech.

The "Herald Tribune" says, the United States happily occupies a position of strength and detachment in which she is still free to tell Germans what she thinks. It would not do any good, but it was about time.—Reuter.

War Office Refutes German Allegations

LONDON: Dec. 23.

The War Office to-day emphatically denied the slanderous allegations against the conduct of British troops in Palestine, which have appeared in the German Press, including allegations of atrocities such as that British troops are gouging out the eyes of prisoners and burning prisoners alive. It is emphasised that there is no truth in these.—Reuter.

RAILWAYMEN'S CHIEF FOUND DEAD

Mishap While Travelling In Train

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. W. T. Griffiths, President of the National Union of Railwaymen was found dead on the Great Western Railway line near Swindon. He had apparently fallen from a train in which he was travelling from London to South Wales.—Reuter.

English Test Team To Meet S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23.

England's cricket Test team to play against South Africa will be: Hammond, Farnes, Valentine, Yardley, Gibb, Edrich, Goddard, Paynter, Verity, Wilkinson and Ames with Bartlett as the twelfth man.

Hutton is not playing as it is too soon after his recent accident.—Reuter.

Satyamurti's Reply To Jinnah

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

"It is difficult to understand Mr. Jinnah's happiness at the attitude of the British Government in, according to him, their having refused to bring pressure upon the Princes to set up an elective system for returning their representatives to the Federal Legislature", said Mr. S. Satyamurti, Deputy leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly, in a statement to the "Associated Press" in reply to Mr. M. A. Jinnah's latest statement.—A.P.

Mr. Satyamurthi continued: "his reason, he states, is that the main objective of the Congress in stirring up troubles in the states is to secure a majority in the Federal Legislature. Obviously this means that Mr. Jinnah wants the rulers of the Indian States should nominate their representatives to the Federal Legislature and should not send elected representatives. Assuming Mr. Jinnah is right that the Congress wants a majority in the Federal Legislature, what is wrong with it from any democratic point of view. After all, political parties all over the world do their best to secure majorities in legislatures. Even the Muslim League does it only it has failed so far, because of its methods. But the graver point is why Mr. Jinnah objects to the people of the Indian States being represented by their own elected representatives on the Federal Legislature. Speaking of the federation and particularly of the entry of the Princes into it, he said in the Assembly in 1935 that "it proposes the entry of the Princes on terms and conditions laid down by the as 'sine qua non' and as conditions precedent and which are on the face of them most detrimental to the vital interests of British India." One of their conditions was that the Princes should not be fettered in the matter of sending their representatives to the Federal Legislature

"WHOLLY UNTRUE"

"Mr. Jinnah disputes His Excellency's statement expressing his enthusiastic satisfaction over the working of the Provincial Governments so far. Mr. Jinnah's statement that the Congress Provincial Governments are not functioning on the lines of democratic parliamentary system of Government, but on the lines of fascism and authoritarian Government with the British Army and police behind them is wholly untrue and will deceive nobody. He and his colleagues have been challenged more than once by responsible Congress Ministers and Congress leaders to produce evidence in support of his sweeping statement that Mussalmans have been cruelly treated in many Congress Provinces and attempts had been made to crush them and Governors had failed to protect them notwithstanding their Special powers. They have so far failed to do so.

"NOT ONLY JUSTLY BUT GENEROUSLY"

I leave the Governors to answer for themselves but so far as the Congress Governments are concerned, I may say, they have done everything in their power to treat the minorities, especially Muslims and Harijans, not only justly, but generously. They would like to do more if possible. I have no doubt in my mind that, if any case of cruelty or injustice or even of neglect of the legitimate rights of minorities be brought to the notice of the Congress Governments or of the Congress High Command, they will do their best to remedy them. I go further and say that Congress Governments should always be on the alert to serve the minorities and bring them all within the fold of the Congress."

WHY REFER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA?

Proceeding Mr. Satyamurthi stated: "I agree with Mr. Jinnah that the forcing of this scheme of Federation will be disastrous to India, but I do not understand his reference to Czechoslovakia. I do not take the pessimistic view that Mr. Jinnah does that all hopes of communal unity have been dashed on the rock of Congress Fascism. I have greater faith in the destiny of my country and in the good sense of my people, Muslims and Hindus. The Congress will continue to serve the masses of all communities and increasingly earn their affection and confidence. Then there will be only one people of India and no Hindu or Muslim or others in it, so far as the freedom movement is concerned. Democrats can have no use for communal organisations.

"The Congress wants not only a genuine Hindu-Muslim but a genuine all communal settlement in India. Let us never forget that in the modern secular state, there is no place for communities as such except, that all communal minorities must be protected in the enjoyment of their legitimate rights and privileges and must be enabled to play their fullest part in the life and activities of their country. The Congress has guaranteed this, is working it out in the provinces and will soon realise it in practice in a free and self-governing India."—A. P.

Paris Building On Fire

PARIS, Dec. 23

Fire has broken out in "Invalides" building, near Napoleon's tomb. Flames are visible around the Gilded Cupola. Firemen arrived quickly on the spot but are finding difficulty in obtaining sufficient pressure of water owing to the fact that water has frozen in pipes.

Police cordons are keeping back crowds.—Reuter.

A later telegram says:—

The flames at "Invalides" have begun to die down and there is no risk of their spreading to Napoleon's tomb.

The flames were leaping for an hour from the roof in the centre part of Invalides' opposite end to the tomb. It was feared that they would spread to the Gilded Cupola, but the fire brigade appears to have brought the outbreak under control.

M. Bonnet and many deputies watched the fire from fifteen yards. The roof over the entrance of the "Invalides" has been completely gutted.

NO DISSENSIONS IN REBEL RANKS

BURGOS, Dec. 23.

Authoritative quarters declare that reports of dissension in rebel Spain are unfounded.

Certain arrests in San Sebastian and in the province are admitted, but it is declared that the arrests are confined to that area and are not extensive and that military officers are not implicated.

The arrests were made owing to the discovery of a transfrontier spy channel and a few of them are connected with the currency smuggler affair.

The report that rebel troops have been sent to North-west Spain to quell civil trouble there is ridiculed.—Reuter.

FRANCO'S ALLEGATION AGAINST FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The allegations that French sources have supplied torpedoes, anti-aircraft projectiles and other ammunition to the Spanish republican destroyer "Joselouisdiez", which is undergoing repairs in Gibraltar, are made in a note which the Franco Government have sent to Britain.

The note declares that the munitions which were conveyed in lighters were sent to Gibraltar on the pretext of raising "Joselouisdiez" bows, and asserts that the destroyer's crew was supplemented with French sailors from French destroyers, while it had been intended to protect the destroyer's departure with the units of the French fleet

The note concludes by denouncing it as a flagrant violation of the non-intervention agreement" —Reuter.

MOUNTAIN IN LABOUR

HENDAYE, Dec. 23.

It now appears that the document found in the British diplomatic bag is merely a piece of paper wrapped in a shirt stating the well-known fact that rebel troops are concentrating on the Catalon front.—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE IN DALADIER

Second Victory In Chamber On Finance Bill Issue

PARIS, Dec. 22.

M. Daladier secured a second vote of confidence in the Chamber this evening. Voting, according to lobby estimates, was 322 to 265 with 23 abstentions.

Government asked the vote on a clause in article two of the Finance Bill regard the margin of immunity to be allowed to workers for payment of a two per cent levy on earnings. Demanding the first vote M. Daladier intimated that he was prepared to go as far as possible to meet all objections to taxes and the two per cent levy on incomes, provided total revenue were not affected.

U. S. Stabilisation Fund

NEW YORK: Dec. 23.

Mr. Morgenthau stated that he would recommend to the Treasury an extension of the Treasury's authority to operate the Stabilisation Fund beyond the present date of expiry, namely, June 30, 1939.—Reuter.

On Indian States' Front

Hyderabad Congress Declares Armistice

SEQUEL TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WARDHA

Darbar Gopaldas Jailed In Rajkot: Kolhapur Govt.'s Tactics

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Dec. 23.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

The struggle for responsible Government started two months ago by the Hyderabad State Congress by launching individual Satyagraha was suspended today by Mr. Kashinathrao Vaidya, sixteenth dictator. So far more than 1,000 Congressmen have courted imprisonment

AN ARMISTICE

This suspension I understand is for a certain period, according to instructions received from Wardha and if Government do not yield in according political reforms, Satyagraha might be started with double vigour.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM WARDHA

Mr. Vaidya, who was arrested this evening while announcing the suspension of Satyagraha courted imprisonment along with Messrs. Ramchanderrao and Gopalshastri Dev.

Mr. Vaidya in a statement before his arrest stated that over 300 Congressmen were in jail and continued:—

The response to the call of the State Congress given by the people during this short time of two months is sufficient indication of the urge of the people for self expression. The only method of proving our "bona fide" to Government is to suspend Satyagraha for the time being and afford them an opportunity for introspection. We do believe that a change of heart is necessary and is bound to result if time is given for this purpose.

This decision has been taken under instructions from the Congress Working Committee."

Mr. Vaidya is a member of the Reforms Committee, known as the Iyengar Committee.

DARBAR GOPALDAS JAILED

Viceroy Urged To Recall Cadell

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 23.

Darbar Gopaldas, in whose case the Magistrate reserved judgment yesterday, was to-day awarded one month's rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 100 fine, in default, imprisonment for one more week.

Dr. Lalloobhai was given three months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 300 fine in default one month more.

"CADELL, GO BACK."

A huge procession carrying placards bearing the words "Cadell, Go Back" was taken through the streets of Rajkot to-day.

S. O. S. To Viceroy

The following telegram has been despatched by Mr. Popatlal and a President, Rajkot State Praja Pritinidhi Sabha to the Viceroy.

"Rajkot peoples' demand for Responsible Government, though universally supported has not yet been accepted by the new Dewan. Instead efforts to stifle the voice of the people through stern repressive measures continue. New laws have been promulgated without consulting the representative assembly in spite of specific constitutional provisions to that effect.

"We believe the Thakoresaheb's desire for granting popular demands is being thwarted by the misleading advice given by the Dewan and the Resident. Members of the Representative Assembly have resigned as a protest against the present Dewan's policy.

I earnestly request Your Excellency to assure the Thakoreshaeb through the Resident regarding his freedom to agree to universal popular demand. I also urge Your Excellency to advise the Thakoresaheb to dispense with the services of the present Dewan whose policy every day widens the gulf between the ruler and the ruled."

In Durbargadh picketing seven were arrested. At the meeting also seven including the dictator, were arrested. All subsequently released.

For joining the strike headmaster, Mr. Vaishnav of the Karansinhji Middle School rusticated to-day the following four students:—R. N. Shah, I. B. Shah, S. N. Vadodaria and C. G. Gandhi.

It is understood the Thakore would tour Rajkot State villages after Christmas.

LEGISLATORS' RESIGNATIONS.

In all 83 members of Rajkot Praja Pratinidhi Sabha have tendered their resignations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambalal Sarabhai arrived here from Ahmedabad to see their daughter Miss Mridulaben, who is in jail.

ALLEGED COERCION OF FARMERS.

Two farmers from village Chibhda were it is alleged, asked to sign a pledge of loyalty by the Mamlatdar, but on refusal they have been brought here and sent to jail.

KOLHAPUR'S TACTICS

Reforms Foreshadowed But Repression Continues

MIRAJ, Dec. 23.

An assurance of the inauguration of some sort of constitutional reform in the near future was made by Rao Bahadur Surve, Prime Minister of Kolhapur in the course of a long statement issued to-day.

The statement is believed to be a sequel to the growing unrest in the State and the unprecedented response to the call of the State Congress for the mass rally of peasants on Dec. 25, which is likely to be attended by several thousands—to judge from the enthusiasm evinced so far in the rural areas.

PEASANT'S DEMAND.

The following three demands will be put before H. H. the Maharaja by the Jatha of peasants on Dec. 25: reduction of land revenue, representative government and restoration of civil liberties.

UNDER STATE FLAG.

The jatha which will be headed by Sjt. Madhavrao Bagal, leader of the peasants, will carry the Bhagva Jhanda (State Flag of Kolhapur) thus refuting the false charge made by interested parties against the organisers of the demonstration that they are seeking to dishonour the State Flag.—United Press.

World Achievement

The Boulder Dam

An achievement of modern times is the construction in America of the Boulder Dam.

Crossing the Black Canyon on the Colorado River between Arizona and Nevada, in the United States, it is by far the largest dam ever built, and second only to the Great Pyramid as the world's largest "block" of solid masonry.

Built in record time (concrete being placed in position at an average rate of 7,000 cubic yards every twenty-four hours) the dam has a spread or stance of 660 feet at the base, and a width of 45 feet at the crest. It is 1,180 feet long at the top, and has a height of 726 feet. The axial radius of the arch, convex face upstream, is 500 feet. The approximate dead weight of the dam is 6,500,000 tons.

One of the most striking features of the constructional work was the elaborate measures taken to cool the vast masses of concrete. If it had been left to contract normally, it would have taken more than 100 years before it has assumed its final size, besides being in great danger of a general collapse. Instead of allowing the rate of contraction to go on slowly pipes were laid down in each block of cement, these being connected with mains which led them to a refrigeration plant. An atmospheric cooling tower was used to cool the river water to 70 deg. F. and this water passed through the pipes laid in the concrete. Later, water cooled to a temperature between 47 deg. and 40 deg. F., by three ammonia refrigerating compressors, each operated by a 250 h.p. motor, was passed along the pipes. In this way the heat of hydration of the great 6-million-ton mass was cooled as the dam was built, and before the concrete had become hard the structure was occupying its final size.

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TEXTILE INQUIRY

Workers Demand Eight-Hour Day

Standardisation Of Rates Without Reduction Of Earnings

PLEA FOR INCREASED WAGES FOR LIQUIDATING THEIR DEBTS

PAYMENT OF A MINIMUM WAGE OF RS. 35 PER MONTH;
CURTAILING OF DUTY-HOURS TO EIGHT PER DAY;
STANDARDISATION OF WEAVERS' RATES AT THE HIGHEST PREVAILING RATES;
ONE MONTH'S HOLIDAY WITH PAY;
BENEFIT OF CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES AND STOPPAGE OF BRIBERY.

These were the demands put forward by a group of Cotton Mill workers, who were examined by the Textile Inquiry Committee on Friday.

The Committee adjourned for Christmas and will meet at Ahmedabad on January 4th, in the New Year.

BETTER THAN GRADUATES

Resuming his questions from the previous day Mr. Sakarlal Balabhai asked, if some of the workers were not getting better wages than some graduates. They replied that some graduates were paid hundreds of rupees which they could never hope to get.

To a question as to why Indian weavers could not attend to as many looms as weavers in Japan or Lancashire did, one worker challenged any Japanese weaver, who might be attending six or eight looms in his country to manage even two looms in his mill.

Another worker said that in Japan when breakages occurred the defects in the machinery were remedied. In India no inquiry was held into such defects, but the workers were ill-treated and asked to go on.

A third worker said that in foreign countries there were separate operatives to look after other operations incidental to weaving. In India the weaver himself had to attend to all the work.

Yet another worker thought that it was all heresy. He had never seen such a thing. If he were given an opportunity to go to Japan and see the workers attending six looms before he could say how they did it.

Asked if they were prepared to attend to more looms, if conditions were improved, one worker answered in the negative.

Another worker asked, if the millowners were sleeping all the time and why they did not introduce four, six or eight loom system, if they thought it possible to work such systems?

COMPETITION FROM STATES

Asked if they were aware of the competition from Mills in the States which paid low wages, one worker who claimed experience of work at Navsari and Ahmedabad, said that life was much cheaper at those places and they could be satisfied with lesser wages.

On the question of expenses on social functions like marriage etc. one worker said that they were paid such inadequate wages that it was impossible to spend extravagantly.

Another worker pointed out that if workers were paid adequate wages localities like Grant Rd. and Golpitha would not have existed. Workers were the greatest patrons of these localities. That was because they did not get adequate wages and, therefore, could not marry.

WHY NIGHT-SHIFT?

Further questioned regarding night-shift. They reiterated their opposition to night-shift. Night-shift made them suffer from indigestion, fever, vomitting and weakness. But they were divided in opinion about the advisability of abolishing night-shifts by legislation. Some of them were afraid that such abolition might give rise to unemployment.

They could not agree to a suggestion made by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. Justice H. V. Divatia that work might begin at six a.m. and close at two p.m. with change of shift at four p.m. one worker objected that six a.m. was too early for the workers to come and another said that two p.m. was too late to go. They did not mind the rest hour being shortened to half an hour but work must cease by midnight. They also suggested that night-shift work must be shortened by one hour.

In answer to questions put by Mr. K. K. Desai they stated that shortening of hours must not result in any reduction of earnings. One of them said that piece-workers would manage to put in extra-strain and make up for shortened hours but time workers must be protected.

It would be good if a uniform rate were established in all the Mills for cloth of same composition and texture.

STANDARDISING RATES.

On the question of the possibility of standardising rates as in Lancashire one worker pointed out that only one variety of cloth was manufactured in any one mill at Lancashire whereas in India each mill manufactured several varieties of cloth. It would be necessary to fix hundreds of standards. He asked if there were any agency to put these rates into force. When informed that there was a provision in the Industrial Disputes Bill whereby a millowner who made any alterations in rates or standards could be fined, the worker pointed out that they were incapable of setting the machinery in motion, that will result in the owner being fined. Another worker submitted that in standardising the rates none of the weavers should get less than what they are getting at present. Another worker suggested that some persons from among the workers should be appointed to explain the scheme to other workers.

When informed by the chairman that the representatives of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress had strongly advocated standardisation of rates, they said that they did not want to oppose that recommendation.

INCREASING INDEBTEDNESS.

Questioned about their indebtedness they said that their debts were increasing from day to-day and there was no chance of liquidating that debt unless their wages were increased immediately.

They admitted that Bombay workers were given to drinking. But they would be prepared to co-operate with Government if prohibition was introduced. One worker said that if adequate wages were paid and the workers were helped to get out of the clutches of Marwaris and pathans, drunkenness would be reduced.

Questioned by Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, they said. The minimum wage at present prevailing was Rs. 12 or 13. Women were getting sometimes as low as Rs. 10.

One worker said that even a sweeper must get at least Rs. 30. The majority of them wanted the minimum wage to be fixed at Rs. 35. One worker said that even those who are getting the lowest wage must get an increment of Rs. 5. Another worker said that in the case of those who are already getting more than Rs. 35, the minimum wage should be fixed at Rs. 50.

At this stage one worker said that he was afraid to answer questions. When assured of protection he complained that he had already been fined two annas by the Ring Master for what he had said the previous day. The chairman directed that he should see the secretary of the committee who would inquire into the matter.

BLESSING TO WORKERS.

While answering certain question regarding the disposal of their complaints by the Labour officer one worker said that their grievances could be better attended to by the Red Flag Union. The existence of the red flag was a blessing to the workers.

They reiterated their demand for standardisation of rates without reduction of earnings. They endorsed the suggestion of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, that a conference of Millowners and representatives of the B.P.T.U.C. should be called to evolve a scheme of standardisation.

They alleged that bribery was fairly common in the Mills. They gave recent instances of bribery and partiality on behalf of the jobbers.

They wanted the working time to be reduced to eight hours for both day and night-shifts.

They also wanted one month's holiday with pay.

MINIMUM WAGE OF RS. 35.

In answer to a question from Mr. S. A. Brelvi they said that the minimum wage of Rs. 35 should apply to all workers. But the minimum wage of weavers should be fixed at Rs. 40.

Mr. Rasul Khan H. Pathan, who will preside over the 5th session of the Baroda Muslims' Conference, to be held in Navsari this week.

KHER AT RATNAGIRI

RATNAGIRI: Dec. 23.

The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, had to-day a crowded programme, which commenced soon after his arrival. He was introduced to several officials and non-officials in the Collector's compound and arrived at his bungalow in Tilal Lane, where he granted interviews to several persons. He paid visits to Ratnagiri Government and Patwardhan High Schools. Addresses of welcome were presented to him by the Ratnagiri District Local Board and the Ratnagiri Municipality and other institutions.

Mr. Kher said that he had come to Ratnagiri to attend to two things, viz: the water supply and the School of Industry. He further said that both these questions had been discussed and Committees had been formed in this connection.

Mr. Kher left for Rajapur this evening. He is also visiting Deogad to-morrow, from where he will leave for Bombay.—A.P.

Jawaharlal And Viceroy's Speech

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

Interviewed by the "United Press" regarding the recent speech of the Viceroy, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru declined to say anything and observed that he had not read it at all.—United Press

A SHORT STORY

Proved Ownership

BY VIC YAREMAN.

The trouble started over a half-wild stallion. Kent Whitehead and Larry Waite had caught it a week before. They brought it into the Lazy Y and tried to break it to saddle. It was the finest specimen of horse-flesh I'd ever seen.

Kent, of course, never should have ridden the stallion into town. It's a miracle that he got there at all, but Kent excels in horsemanship, which is the only explanation we could offer.

Ten minutes after Kent landed at the Peacock Saloon it began to snow; a regular humdinger, the first real blizzard of the season. Kent looked out at it and knew he couldn't get back to the ranch this night, so he proceeded to get drunk. He was well on the way when Larry arrived.

Larry came stamping in, shaking the snow from his sombrero, kicking it from his boots. He was mad, fighting mad. He saw Kent at the bar and strode up and whirled him around, not ungently.

"You got a nerve!" he raged. "You got a nerve takin' my hoss out on a night like this, an' him hardly broke to saddle!

Kent stared drunkenly and narrowed his eyes and spat. He was drunk, but not too drunk to comprehend.

"'S my hoss. 'S my hoss an' I gotta right to ride him anywhere I like. Sho!"

Larry bared his teeth. Only the fact that Kent was drunk kept him from hitting him. Instead he swore, turned on his heel and went out. A minute later we heard a scream, a horse's scream. It was followed by the muffled pound of hoofs. Then a shout.

Kent Whitehead reeled away from the bar. He cursed and lurched across the floor, banged open the door and went out. Almost at once there came the sound of a revolver shot.

We looked at each other, then we rushed for the door. The snow was blinding. We couldn't see more than two feet in the faint light from the saloon. There were a few horses at the hitching rack, standing with drooping heads. There was no other sound or movement, nothing but the howl of wind and the hiss of snow.

We got a rope and tied it to the veranda railing and went off up the street, holding on to one end. We hunted for fifty feet in both directions, and didn't find a thing. We didn't dare let go the rope and hunt farther for fear of getting lost.

So we came back to the saloon and were just about to go inside when the half-wild stallion came trotting up and nudged the other horses for warmth. He was riderless.

We immediately jumped to conclusions. We remembered the words Kent and Larry had had, the animal's scream, the revolver shot. But we didn't dare go on a search. It would have meant death to get very far from the saloon.

So we went inside and drank red eye and talked and speculated till morning. It cleared about an hour after sunrise. We got into our coats and were just about to set out when the door opened and in walks Kent.

He looked dazed and sober, but he was not injured. He told us he woke up and found himself lying in the hay in Emery's stable. The horses and two milk cows there had kept the place warm.

We looked at each other. Mal Vassar went over and yanked out Kent's gun and looked at it. One shot had been fired. Mal told him about the half-wild stallion coming in riderless. He told Kent that until we could get the sheriff a couple of us boys would keep him covered.

Kent didn't object, but he looked worried. The dazed expression was still in his eyes. Watching him, I got the impression he was scared—scared that in his drunken fury he had actually shot Larry, and didn't remember it.

So the boys went out and Mark Vine and I sat around and kept an eye on Kent. An hour passed, and then we heard the boys returning. They filed into the saloon, and two of them were carrying a body. It was Larry, stiff as a board, dead.

The boys looked at Kent, and their looks boded no good. But Kent got up and came and stared down at the body. "Where's the bullet hole?" He said. The boys looked at each other blankly, and Kent repeated: "Well, if I shot him like you jiggers seem to think, where's the bullet hole?"

So they looked Larry over, but they didn't find any bullet hole. They found instead a long gash on the side of his head. Kent looked at the gash and said something to Mal Vassar. Mal and a couple of the boys went out, and when they came back they seemed relieved.

"There's blood marks on the rock near where we found the body," Mal explains. "It looks like the stallion objected to being rode by Larry and tossed him off. Larry's head hit a rock and it knocked him unconscious. The storm did the rest."

That settled it all right. We were glad, because we liked Kent. Kent sighed when he heard what Mal had to say.

"The dumbhead," he said, half to himself. "I told him the hoss was mine. No one else could ride him. Larry couldn't. But he was stubborn. Well, I reckon this proves ownership all right."

Nobody argued the point.

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Mr. S. Narayan, general manager of the Bharati Bima Insurance, Co., visited Bombay on an inspection tour.

He has been gathering facts and figures for working out unemployment insurance schemes and in this connection will soon proceed abroad for a close study.

THE HOUSE OF SCINDIA

(Continued from page 6)

me feel happy when I see him—his contagious smile bringing a pleasantness to any function he may be attending.

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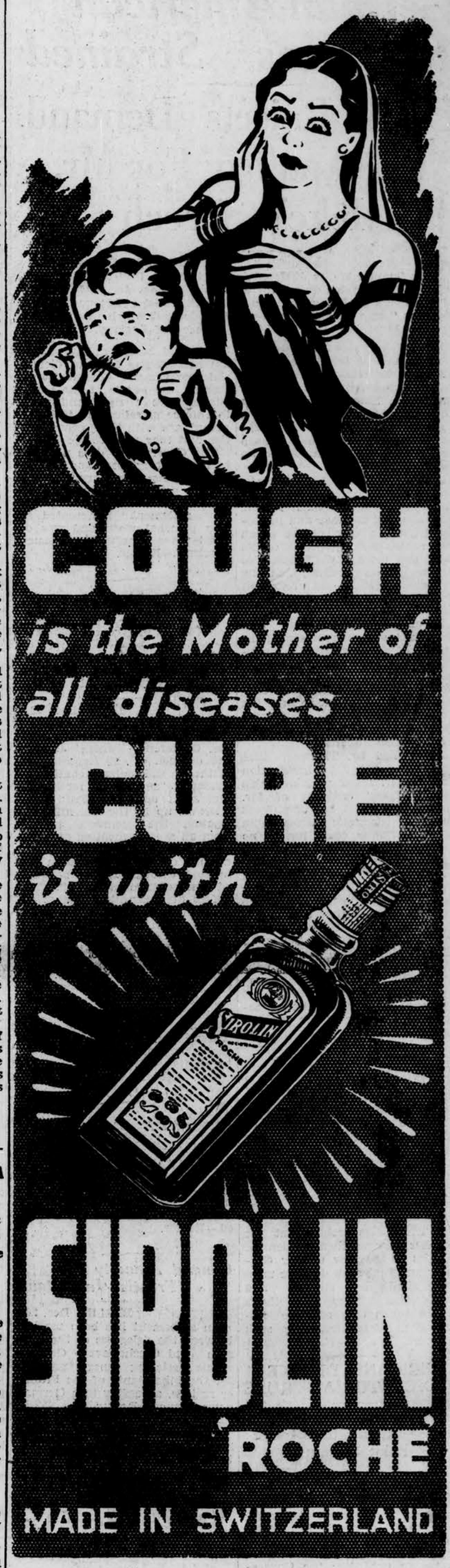
It must have been embarrassing to have been a Dewan or the representative of an Indian State and listen to the scathing attack that the Sardar made against the institutions which are known as monarchies in India. However, no one minded, so long as one could set eyes on and feast upon the great structure that had grown up in our midst—a structure which will do credit to the honour of our country and to which we unstintingly pay homage.

An important meeting of the Orissa Congress Assembly Party will be held on January 13 next.

Among the Bills given notice of by the members, the Agricultural Income-Tax Bill of Pandit Lokanath Mishra, M.L.A., is important.



MUTT AND JEFF—This Has All the Earmarks of a War Debt — By BUD FISHER

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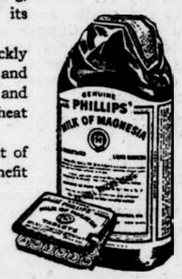

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Consulates in Chust the Ruthenian capital.

Poland And The Ukrainian Issue

The leader of the Ukrainians in the Polish Parliament, Mudryj, this week presented a demand for the grant of autonomy for the Ukrainians in Poland. The Ukrainian minority in Poland numbers round seven millions, certain estimates having it nearer to eight millions. Warsaw has so far persistently extended a check to Ukrainian aims of securing autonomy. The presentation of the demand in itself now, though the Polish Parliament has taken no official recognition of it, is a significant development, more so as it happens in the wake of certain events, chief among them being, gaining of autonomy by Ruthenia with its strong Ukrainian population and an extension of influence by Germany in Ruthenia. Poland did not well anticipate some of the reactions of an assertive course against Czechoslovakia of recent period and to an extent also calculated upon being able to evolve some counter-moves as against such reactions. The creation of a common Polish-Hungarian frontier was looked upon as such a countermove. It failed to score owing greatly to a German stand. The existence of the autonomous Ruthenia meanwhile works to give an impulse to the Ukrainians in Poland in their urge for autonomy. This urge, very likely, may take a keener character. In Ruthenia the Ukrainian language has already been given an official position of precedence and prominence and new papers and periodicals in Ukrainian are expected to come out quickly. Warsaw obviously apprehends the autonomy drive of Poland's Ukrainians leading up to wider implications or moves under circumstances. An abstract attitude to the question of autonomy is made difficult owing to certain other currents at play. An interest in the Ukrainian issue associated with Germany adds weight and proximity to circumstances as viewed with concern by Warsaw. The fact of Berlin's interest in the Ukrainian issue having a proclaimed mark against Moscow does not alter this. The area inhabited by the Ukrainians in Poland is of vital importance to Warsaw in comparison to which Ruthenia is of minor weight to Prague. And Poland has for the while forfeited much sympathy from Czechoslovakia. The Ukrainian issue might well develop into a major one before long. There are reflections about it assuming such a position towards the Spring of next year.

ALLEGED INDISCIPLINE

27 Maharashtra Congressmen Asked To Explain

(From Our Correspondent.)
POONA, Dec. 23.

Charge sheets for alleged indiscipline are reported to have been drawn by the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee against 26 Congress Workers in Maharashtra. All of them, it is stated, have been asked, by a letter from the Secretary of the M.P.C.C. to show cause as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against them.

A number of these 26 Congressmen are alleged to have made themselves liable to disciplinary action by participating in the general strike of Nov. 7th last organised to protest against Trade Disputes Bill in contravention of the M.P.C.C. resolution.

The list, it is stated, includes names of Mr. K. B. Deshmukh, M.L.A. (Ahmednagar), Mr. Bhapkar (Ahmednagar), Mr. V. M. Bhuskute (Ahmednagar), Mr. Vamanrao Kulkarni (Sholapur), Mr Shah (Sholapur) and a number of young Congress Socialists and student workers of Poona.

The Commissioner, Rural Reconstruction, Punjab, Lahore, states that the Haybox method of preparing ghi is gaining popularity amongst villagers for its economic benefits.

A letter received from a zaildar of Sheikhupura District indicates that there is a saving of 60 per cent. cow-dung fuel by the use of hay-box. The cow-dung thus saved will be used as manure and thus help in the growth of better and bumper crops which in turn will bring more money to the Kisans and zamindars.

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CONGRESS-LABOUR CO-OPERATION

Karnik's Presidential Address At Lucknow

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22.

"Our demands are considered Utopian. But when we look at other countries, we find that in comparison with theirs, our demands are just and legitimate. They had many grievances; but they removed their grievances not by friendship with capitalists. The privileges which workers in other countries are enjoying, why should we not get."

Thus declared Sjt. V. B. Karnik of Bombay in the course of his presidential address at the United Provincial Trade Union Congress which commenced this evening here.

CONGRESS CO-OPERATION

Continuing, he analysed what the Congress Ministries had done for the good of the workers and the Trade Unions. Citing the examples of Cawnpore, he declared, that the Congress Committee of Cawnpore was mainly responsible for the Labour strike there being successful.

He emphasised that without the Congress help the workers' grievances could not be mitigated. He urged the Labourers to co-operate with the Congress for political independence.

The Congress was not a separate organisation and was not detrimental to the welfare of the workers.

He however criticised the Congress Ministry of Bombay over their attitude to Labour as evinced in the enactment of the Trades Disputes Bill which he declared, had been carried in the teeth of opposition from the representatives of the workers.

The strike, the only weapon of the workers, had been snatched away by that Bill. Whatever the Congress Ministry had done for the good of the workers was just a drop in the desert. In fact, the Congress has to fight with the capitalist still.

The workers should stand by the Congress and united under the Congress banner for the political fight.

NEED FOR ORGANISATION

Dr. Sures Banerjee in his inaugural address deplored that only 20,000 workers in the United Provinces were organised, while there were four or five lakhs working. He emphasised the need for organisation and unity among workers as the efficacy of the working class movement depended upon its unity. The more solid and extensive that unity, the greater would be the efficacy of the working class movement among them. The organisers of the Provincial Trade Union Congress and the Provincial Trade Union Conferences must have the picture of the vastness always in their mind. To infuse the spirit on a mass scale in their activity, should be the main aim of such conferences.

Sjt. C. B. Gupta, Chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed the delegates.—United Press.

Salsette Congress New Office-Bearers

(From Our Correspondent)
THANA, Dec 23.

Mr. S. A. Tendulkar and Manilal Shaha of Thana were declared to have been elected President and Secretary respectively of the Salsette Taluka Congress Committee at a meeting of the body held here last night.

RETURNED UNOPPOSED

From a letter received here from the office of the Thana District Congress Committee, it is understood that Messrs. D. B. Tamhane of Thana and G. D. Vartak, M.L.A. President Thana District Local Board were returned unopposed as delegates to the ensuing Tripuri Congress session. The Salsette Taluka Congress Committee passed last night a resolution congratulating Mr. Tamhane for the unique honour done to him.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROSPECTS

(Continued from Page 24).

proposal will be acceptable to the Congress High Command.

WANTED A GESTURE

Several administrative matters are due to be taken up and settled by the Government of India during the next two or three months. The report of the XB Engine Enquiry Committee will soon be in their hands. The final proposals of the British Board of Trade, if it is really anxious to conclude a trade agreement with India, will also come up. There is the question of an Indo-Afghan trade understanding based on the talks now going on. A final decision on the Sugar Tariff Board's report cannot be delayed very much longer. And if there is to be no trade agreement with Lancashire a Textile Tariff Board has to be constituted. The Indian Sandhurst Committee though it has been boycotted by the Congress and the Muslim League will also sit early next year and submit its recommendations. Lastly comes the Chatfield enquiry itself.

Quite apart from the problems presented by the Budget these matters are sufficiently numerous and important to keep the Government of India busy. What one is waiting to see however is whether the Government of India will at least now give an opportunity to the Assembly to give its views on these various reports and recommendations, before it comes to any decision. If the usual practice of announcing decisions along with the publication of the reports is followed, it is only irritating to the Assembly, let alone being helpful. As the Income Tax Bill has shown that the Assembly can help constructively and its advice is worth being sought, it would be a graceful gesture if the next Assembly session ables the Government of India to make a beginning in this direction.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The month closes with a better financial outlook than what it was when we left Simla in September. The Railway earnings for the year up to 10th December are the same as the actuals for the corresponding period of the previous years—and that is distinctly reassuring, and Sir Thomas Stewart may not have to present a gloomy picture when he makes his next budget—his second and last one, as he will be going to Behar as Governor. The Customs and Excise receipts are also improving favourably, but what the Defence Department has cost us this year remains a close secret. It may be three or four crores more than the budgeted figure, or even double that figure. There is also the steadily increasing establishment of the Governor-General's personal Secretariat, a new feature which has started since the advent of Provincial Autonomy. What this establishment will cost us this year and the next, only the coming budget statement will be able to tell us. What is called the constitutional scaffolding for Federation has begun, but about Federation itself we have only the Viceroy's optimism to comfort us.

BARODA NEWS

(From Our Correspondent)
BARODA, Dec. 22.

The Working Committee of the Baroda Praja Mandal will be held at Rajpipla on 25th instant under the presidentship of Sardar Patel.

Amreli District Praja Mandal Parisad will be held on the 27th instant.

Baroda Memon Association gave an address to Mr. Rasulkhan Pathan, President, next Muslim conference.

Legal remembrancer Mr. Sudhalkar has gone to Dwarka for settling the terms of contract regarding new chemical factory work. Government has decided to open 41 new schools, some hospitals and maternity homes the last in every town.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

Today (Saturday) at 10 p.m. every Catholic Church will begin religious rites concluding with the midnight mass which gets over some time at 2 a.m. Then every street, by-lane and highway will find groups of merry-makers, roaming about singing songs and feasting.

These festivities will continue throughout the day and in the evening nearly every area is to hold either a social function a variety entertainment or their annual Christmas Tree and Treat for children.

REST RANWAR DANCE

A promising function and one that in the previous years has attracted a record gathering is the annual open air dance held by the Rest Ranwar Club of Bandra on the grounds of their tennis court.

The function is to start at 9-30 p.m. on Christmas Day and will wind up only at 5 a.m. on the next day. I would not hesitate to say that there is going to be some really good dance music which will simply make your feet want to move about the floor.

The other important function is the Annual Variety entertainment of the Colwad Dramatic Union which is to be held on the grounds of St. Stanislaus High School Bandra.

This function usually finds thousands of people, both from the city and the suburbs, and this year as the club is also celebrating its jubilee, there ought to be a larger crowd.

Before I close on the subject of Christmas. I take this opportunity to wish all my Catholic readers a very happy Christmas.

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Film Fare For Christmas

Harold Lloyd is in trouble, as usual,—a scene from "Professor Beware," revived this week at Pathe.

Jackie Cooper and Deanna Durbin in "That Certain Age," one of the most delightful pictures, at Eros.

Priscilia Lane shares a drink with her two boy friends in a scene from "Brother Rat," at Capitol

Frederic March and Virginia Bruce in "There Goes My Heart," an amusing comedy at New Empire.

Heiress To Millions Goes To Work.....In Films!

Frederic March In "There Goes My Heart" At New Empire

One of the merriest comedy romances that have recently come to the local screen is seen this week at New Empire, with Frederic March and Virginia Bruce.

The gay tale of a madcap heiress who chucks her fortune and her yacht to work in a bargain basement and eat hamburgers with a roving reporter, "There Goes My Heart" is the first big Hal Roach production under his new contract with United Artists.

The story, which is from the type writer of the famous columnist, Ed Sullivan, opens with Joan Butterfield, (Virginia Bruce) "the richest girl in the world" decamping with her grandfather's yacht and cutting loose to New York, freedom and adventure bound.

Penniless and incognito, she strikes up an acquaintance with Patsy Kelly,—(a new streamlined Patsy, who despite her smart appearance is funnier than ever)—who demonstrates electric vibrators in the basement of Joan's own Grandfather Butterfield's department store.

HEIRESS GOES TO WORK

"Meanwhile, a reporter named Bill Spencer (Frederic March) has been trying to get an interview with Joan. He had caught a glimpse of her leaving her yacht, from which he, in turn, had been unceremoniously tossed into the Pacific.

Furious over this sort of treatment, he decides to write a story contrasting Joan's life of ease with the hard lives of the girls who work in her grandfather's store.

Roving the bargain basement for material, he is amazed to recognise loan behind a counter. Pretending to believe her just another salesgirl, he takes her out to dinner, but his hatred of her turns to love and the pair are soon having a grand time, riding the subways, eating hot corn and sweet potatoes at sidewalk stands and winning contests at ice-skating rinks.

Bill tears up the story about Joan. But that is not the end of the story!

"GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST"

Jeanette MacDonald Musical Comes To Wellington

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy have reached their topmost heights in "The Girl of the Golden West" which opens at the Wellington to-night.

An excellent blending of music and the romance of California in her early, ribald gold camp and pastoral mission days, the new operetta is recommended for music lovers of all ages.

Interspersed through the romance are numerous new and beautiful tunes by Sigmund Romberg and Gus Kahn. They are "Senorita," "Who Are We to Say," "Shadows on the Moon," "The Wind in the Trees," "Sun-up to Sundown," "Soldiers of Fortunes" and "Mariachie." Miss MacDonald also sings Gounod's "Ave Maria" and Liszt's "Dream of Lowe." Buddy Ebsen sings "The West Aint Wild Any More," one of the comedy highlights in a picture packed with entertainment.

GARBO WEEK AT WELLINGTON

There has been a change of programme at the Wellington from yesterday and every day one different Greta Garbo picture will be screened. All these are best selected M.-G.-M. picture. Thus Greta Garbo week commenced yesterday with "Matahari"

Today Garbo will be seen in "Queen Christiana" to be followed by "Camilla" and "Anna Karenina".

Fred Astaire is explaining things to Ginger Rogers—a scene from "Carefree," second week at Regal.

Comedies Galore This Week

DEANNA FALLS IN LOVE

"That Certain Age", Delightful Film At Eros

One of the most delightful pictures seen this week is "That Certain Age," starring Deanna Durbin, at Eros Theatre.

The film is yet another personal triumph for this young actress—and she sings as well as ever.

It was beginning to be considered that Deanna Durbin having reached 'that certain age"—the awkward years between childhood and womanhood—will have to retire from the screen for some time. But thanks to a happy choice of story on the part of her producers, Deanna is able to continue without interruption her amazing screen career.

Melvyn Douglas, as the war correspondent with whom Deanna falls in love, and Jackie Cooper who loves her, both put over excellent performances.

Priscilla Lane At Capitol

"BROTHER RAT"

A gay comedy is "Brother Rat," at the Capitol Theatre. A behind-the-scenes revelation of life in one of America's military schools, "Brother Rat" combines the spirit of youth and romance with the colour and dash of the Virginia Military Institute's cadet corps. Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane, carry off the leading roles as a young romantic pair, while Johnnie 'Scat' Davis, Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan, Jane Bryan, and Eddie Albert, all combine to make the film version every bit the success the original stage play, which ran two years on Broadway was.

"Brother Rat" is concerned with the antics of three room mates who get themselves into a neat little fix. Eddie Albert who appeared in the original stage play, has violated all rules of V. M. I. by contracting a secret marriage with Jane Bryan. He will be dismissed from school if this is ever found out. He has to keep his secret, by hook or crook, until he gets his diploma, and this is none too easy, because the young bride is going to have a baby. Here's where the "Brother Rats" come in. It should be explained that a "Rat" at Virginia Military Institute is a freshman. And "Brother Rats" are classmates who go through the four-year course together. They're as closely bound as fraternity brothers and are pledged to do everything in their power for each other. Wayne Morris as a Brother Rat, and others of the clan, manage to get Eddie Albert out of his fix, but not until after he and they have gone through a hundred thrilling and laugh-bringing situations. But all's well; he gets his diploma—and the baby is a boy!

REPORTERS ARE STARRED THIS WEEK!

No less than three current films centre round the life of reporters and newspapermen.

In "Sister", (Excelsior) Errol Flynn plays a Sports writer.

In "That Certain Age" (Eros) Melvyn Douglas is a war correspondent.

In "There Goes My Heart," (New Empire) Frederic March returns to the role of a roving reporter, which he played so well in "Nothing Sacred."

STAR OF THE WEEK

Bette Davis IN "Sisters"

Fine Film At Excelsior Almost Indian In Its Sentimental Melodrama

(By OUR FILM CRITIC).

To the Excelsior comes this week an excellent film which has three notable features.

As a sentimental melodrama it is almost like an Indian film—a good Indian film. It is long and full of heart-throbs, the heroine loves her man with the devotion of an Indian wife, and the hero drowns his confused and torturing thoughts in drink—like a real Devdas!

Secondly, the story moves against the background of American politics of early twentieth century—a stirring period in social history, when a motor car was a marvel and eloping with your lover has all the romantic thrill of the Romeo-Juliet era. It is the shifting values of life of this period—so analogous to present-day India—that are symbolized in the mental restlessness and emotional unbalance so competently depicted by Errol Flynn in the role of irresponsible reporter.

BETTE DAVIS

But the crowning glory of the film must remain the superb acting of Bette Davis who is as versatile as ever. It is the story of three "Sisters"—and Anita Louise and Jane Bryan are charming as the other two—best from the moment of her first appearance, Bette Davis dominates every scene with that unhustled competence which is the hall-mark of her acting, whatever role she plays.

A film that must be seen—it is so powerful and sincere—there is only one grievance I have against "Sisters." It is a bit too hard on journalists and the moral seems to be: Girls, never marry a journalist.

K. A. A.

BOBS WATSON, seven-year-old junior member of Hollywood's famous Watson family of boy actors, who played "Peewee" with Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in BOYS TOWN, is seen as Tommy, the crippled boy, in "YOUNG DR. KILDARE." If precedent means anything, Bobs should go far. Gene Reynolds, who played the crippled Tony in BOYS TOWN, was cast immediately in the featured part in "THE YEARLING."

PROFESSOR HAROLD LLOYD!

Old Favourite Comedian Returns To Pathe This Week

As amusing a yarn as Harold Lloyd has ever appeared in is revived this week at Pathe, where the be-spectacled comedian comes to town in "Professor Beware." Lloyd is at his best in this dizzy tale of a hitch-hiking professor.

Last seen about a year and a half ago in "The Milky Way," the comedian makes a sock return to the screen in this hilarious story that begins with him without trousers, and ends with Lloyd marrying an heiress against his will

Lloyd, an Egyptologist employed by a California museum, gets himself into a scrape with the law when he befriends an aspiring young actress. He is offered a job with an archaeological expedition leaving for Egypt, providing he can furnish his own fare to New York. And thereby hangs the tale.

The balance of the picture has to do with his uproariously fuuny experiences on a cross-country jaunt. Penniless, with the law at his heels, and a pretty girl hot-footing it after him, his adventures follow in a whirl. He is forced to spend a night on the desert alone with Miss Welch, but wary of love he sneaks away to continue his lonesome travels.

Continuing towards New York via the freight train route, he teams up with two tramps, Lionel Stander and Raymond Walburn, who contribute their consistently goofy share to the comedy. Adventure follows adventure, and before he knows whats' what Lloyd finds himself marrying an heiress to escape the wrath of the law.

In the meanwhile, the girl's wealthy father hears that she is about to marry a hobo and rushes to stop the ceremony, but he's too late. Nevertheless, he whisks his daughter off to his yacht where Lloyd tries to follow her. After he's thrown overboard twice, he leads a mob in a mass attack on the boat and finally gets his bride and the approval of her father.

Ginger-Fred Film Held At Regal

"CAREFREE"

Melody, comedy, romance and dances form the quadruple basis of "Carefree," which is being held at the Regal for second week. It is RKO Radio's new musical hit reuniting Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A group of Irving Berlin tunes and lyrics; a cleverly contrived romantic triangle of a psychiatrist, an actress and a lawyer; some of the funniest situations the screen has presented in recent months, and four sensational dance routines are woven into a spectacular film entertainment to celebrate the return of America's foremost dancing stars. Astaire portrays the psychiatrist and Ralph Bellamy the lawyer in the ingenious plot. Three dance routines by the famous team, a novelty solo dance by Astaire, along with the catchy Berlin melodies, combine with the plot to make "Carefree" their most ambitious show.

LYNNE CARVER, one of Hollywood's loveliest starlets, gets her first real film "break" in "YOUNG DR. KILDARE" in which she plays the feminine lead opposite Lew Ayres. Lynne, who hails from Lexington, Kentucky, gave her first indication of stellar possibilities as the modern miss in "MAYTIME."

Drama Of The News-Reels Comes To Metro

Clark Gable And Myrna Loy Co-Starred In Exciting Film

A vital story of the newsreel industry, which newsreels have completely overlooked, is told on the Metro screen in the latest Clark Gable-Myrna Loy co-starring drama, "Too Hot to Handle." It is the story of the birth of an exciting newsreel scene and its progress until it reaches the breathless audiences in theatres throughout the world.

In creating the drama of the newsreel, the "inside" story begins in far away China, and Gable, his cameraman and equipment recording stark tragedy that makes world history.

It reveals the newsreel as it is sped to the coast and placed aboard a China Clipper the airliner recing it across the broad Pacific to San Francisco where it is quickly transferred to a transcontinental plane that speeds it to Newark Airport on the Atlantic Coast.

Newsreel employees await for the arrival of the precious film. It is checked swiftly through the mail department at the airport, and is quickly transferred to a motorcycle messenger who streak with it, escorted by four other screaming motorcycles, to the newsreel headquarters in New York.

Safe in the newsreel building, the split-minute drama continues. It follows the China scenes on celluloid through the laboratory through the amazing developer and dryer departments, off the printer and onto the drums, off the drums and onto the spool again, emerging a positive print with perfect sound track.

The story of the newsreel continues through the various departments—the foreign editor's job, the functioning of the make-up department where the film is cut and assembled.

It progresses on through the company's small projection room and from there it advances to the screen of a modern motion picture theatre where an audience of three thousand sits breathlessly watching the actual re-enactment of drama which took place ten thousand miles away little more than a week before it is projected on the screen.

While the story of a newsreel scene is in itself interesting, in the case of "Too Hot to Handle," the work of the newsreel men is so deftly woven into the plot that it is vital part of the picture whose powerful dramatic theme is of course the story of the adventure and romance of Gable and Miss Loy

MORNING SHOWS AT REGAL AND CAPITOL

There will be two morning shows at Regal specially arranged for children during this festive season—one on X'mas, day, when the picture "Carefree" will be shown and X'mas. cakes and balloons will be distributed to all children; the other on New Years day, when the picture "Alexander's Ragtime Band" will be screened and assorted toys will be given away to all youngsters. The Morning Shows will start at 10-30 a.m.

AT THE CAPITOL.

The Management of the Capitol have arranged 2 morning shows starting at 10 a.m. on December 24th and 25th, when the film "Movie Crazy" featuring Harold Lloyd will be screened. There will be two more shows at 10 a.m. on December 26th and 27th, when "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," starring Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone, will be screened. At the morning show on X'mas, day toys will be distributed free to all children.

Clark Gable teaches Myrna Loy how to cut and edit a news-reel in "Too Hot To Handle," at Metro.

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Many people would be surprised if they were told that more than half the working population of the world suffers from nervous strain of one sort or another. You yourself may laugh at this and think it absurd but you will not have any real opportunity of proving this statement to be right or wrong until some illness comes along. It is then you will discover that frayed nerves and a weakened condition of the nervous system can be very serious additional obstacles to a speedy return to normal. Holidays mean a release from the high pressure existence which most of us live, but this is only a temporary relief and in order to ensure that our nerves and constitutions are always at the top of their condition, it is essential that we should take some form of tonic. Prominent American chemists, realizing this need, evolved more than half a century ago a tonic containing Cod Liver Extract and Iron—the two elements most essential to the nourishment of the nervous system and constitution. Stearns' Tonic will nourish and revive nerve cells and will enrich the blood. Its Vitamin content is very high and this helps to replace those which are so often missing in the normal diet. All good chemists and stores stock it.

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Increase In Number Of Trade Unions

Hundred And Twenty Disputes In Province During September

In November 1938 the working class cost of living index number for Bombay City with the average prices for the year ended June 1934 equal to 100 was 106, being one point higher than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles remained steady at 114.

WHOLESALE PRICES

In October 1938 the wholesale prices index number with July 1914 prices equal to 100 was 100 being one point lower than in the preceding month.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

During 1938 there were sixteen industrial disputes, ten in Bombay, two at Ahmedabad and one each at Dhulia, Gokak Falls, Chalisgaon and Mahudha in the Kaira District. The number of workpeople involved in these disputes was 6,760 and the number of working days lost was 112,358.

The total number of trade unions in the Province of Bombay as on the 1st of September, 1938, was 147 as against 132 in the previous quarter. Of these 147 unions 67 were in Bombay City and 19 in Ahmedabad.

The total membership of the unions stood at 134,826 as against 120,816 on 1st June 1938, showing an increase of 11.60 per cent. The membership of unions having their head offices in Bombay City increased from 79,279 to 85,877 or by 8.32 per cent. and that the Ahmedabad unions from 25,466 to 28,399 or by 11.52 per cent. In the rest of the Province also there was an increase from 16,701 to 20,550 or of 27.67 per cent.

The article also contains two charts and statistical tables showing the progress of the trade union movement in the Province.

ITALIAN TO BE TAUGHT IN ALLAHABAD 'VARSITY

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

The Executive Council of Allahabad University has been considering the question of teaching Italian.

The University was in correspondence with the Italian Government. It is understood that the Italian Government are keen on propagating their language in India and they have even gone to the extent of bearing the cost of teaching Italian in this University. They have agreed to pay for the post of lecturer. The Executive Council has appointed a committee to report detailed arrangements.

GAUDIYA MATH FOUNDER

Anniversary Celebrations All Over India

(From A Correspondent.)

The second anniversary ceremony of the passing away of Paramahansa Shrila Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, the late Founder of the Gaudiya Mission, was celebrated throughout its branches scattered all over India by his disciples and admirers.

In fulfilment of the prophecy of Shrila Bhakti Vinode, Paramahansa Shrila Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati Goswami took his advent at Puri in the month of February 1874. He was exceedingly fortunate in breathing an atmosphere of pure devotional surroundings from his cradle.

For discussing Philosophical and Theological subjects he started a cultural association named "August Assembly" at Calcutta and he was such a forceful debator that none of his contemporaries could stand before his hairsplitting arguments.

Many prominent men were among his disciples. He was offered a seat on the Calcutta University which he refused as he felt an imperative urge for a life of unalloyed devotion. He was a life long celebate and later became a Tridanda Sannyasi under the name of Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati in 1918. He continued his studies on Philosophy and Theology under Thakur Bhakti Vinode, the greatest Vaishnava Saint of the last century.

KARACHI.—About 500 Volunteers from Sind, under the leadership of Nazir Mahmud Khaksar, are proceeding to Palestine shortly for doing humanitarian, social and Red Cross work.

SESSIONS CASE WITHDRAWN

Thana Judge's Strictures Against 'Magistrate And Police

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Dec. 22.

"On going through the evidence recorded in the Committal proceedings it becomes quite obvious that the evidence, as it stands, was not even sufficient to justify commitment of the case to the Court of Sessions. The request made by the Assistant Public Prosecutor for the grant of withdrawal is fair and just. Further the material on which the case under Sec. 211 Indian Penal Code was launched is inherently so flimsy that it passes my comprehension why the police took such an action in this case under the circumstances."

In these severe strictures against the police and the committing magistrate Mr. M. A. Bhave Sessions Judge, Thana sanctioned to-day the withdrawal of the sessions case against Gangabai, widow of Atmaram Desai, a saraswat woman of Dombivli, who stood charged of instituting false and malicious proceedings.

The facts as alleged are that the woman lodged a complaint against one Vasudev Kandar Nayar a fellow-resident in the same chawl she was staying in, of an offence of rape on her daughter Prabhavati aged 4 but during the investigation, no case could be proved against him and hence the police launched proceedings against the woman, who was committed to the Thana Sessions by the Resident Magistrate, Kalyan Mr. P. K. Kharkar.

Messrs. R. M. Chitnis, Assistant Public Prosecutor, and B. D. Gupte Advocate, appeared for the Crown and defence respectively.

CONVICTION UNDER SEC. 451 I. P. C.

(From A Correspondent.)

BULSAR, (By Mail.)

One of the inmates (namely Govind Ganesh Ruikar) of the "Tapovan" Ashram of Lavachha Village, in Pardi Mahal, filed a criminal complaint against Mr. Raghunath Narayan Agte, Miss, Himavati Notekar, Miss Prema and Mrs. Kamlabai Agte, under (among other sections) section 451 of Indian Penal Code, in the Court of the Second Class Magistrate, Pardi.

Holding that the act of the accused was intentional because he evicted the complainant from the possession of the house, so that he cannot claim its ownership, the learned Magistrate convicted all the accused, under section 451 I.P.C., and released them on probation of good conduct on their entry into a bond of Rs. 50 each, with one security of the like amount, for a period of six months under section 562 C.P.C.

Revision Application Dismissed

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Dec. 22.

"It will be extraordinary if this court sitting in revision were to allow the applicant to forward a plea, which he could have put forward before the Magistrate and that plea really involved not a pure question of law but a mixed question of law and fact." With these words Mr. M. A. Bhave, Sessions Judge, Thana dismissed yesterday a revision application preferred by Surajprasad Dwarkaprasad against a conviction and sentence of a fine of Rs. 20 passed by the First Class Magistrate, Kurla, Mr. R. K. Raje, under Sec. 178 (3) of the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act.

The accused was alleged to have used a stable without a licence from the Municipality. On his failing to construct a pavement of 15 feet width round his stable, the Municipality cancelled his licence but the accused continued to keep his cattle therein.

In revision the Judge brushed aside the plea of the accused that the licence was wrongly cancelled by the Municipality.

ALL-INDIA MOTOR UNION CONGRESS.

AGRA, Dec. 21.

Sjt. Gopinath Misra, General Secretary, All-India Motor Transport Federation Congress, Agra City, wires:—

All-India Motor Union Congress is holding its third session at Agra on Dec. 27, 28 and 29 under the Presidentship of Mr. K. F. Nariman. Delegates are mostly travelling by lorries. All owners of lorries in U. P. are stopping work on 27 and 28.

Grand presidential procession will be taken out in the City on the 27th.

Prominent leaders from Calcutta, Bombay, the Punjab and the C. P. are attending.

Mazdoor Conference will be held, under the Socialist leader Mr. Ahmaddin on the 30th.

London, Dec. 22.—The death has occurred of Lady Villiers, wife of Sir Thomas Villiers.—Reuter.

STUDENTS TO RECEIVE SAHAJANAND

The Secretaries, North Bombay Students' Union, Suburban Students' Union, jointly have issued the following appeal to the Students of Bombay.

Swami Sahajanand, the great leader of the Kisan and Peasant Movement is coming to Bombay on Sunday December 25, by the Frontier Mail at the Dadar Station. He is the President of the Kisan Sabha and he is one in whom the masses have found a source of inspiration for struggle for national and Kisan emancipation.

We request all Students to remain present at the Station and take part in the reception.

Satyamurti Visits Local Self Govt. Institute

(From A Correspondent).

Mr. Satyamurti was received at the Local Self-Government Institute on Wednesday evening by the Hon. Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Local Self-Government.

Mr. Satyamurti inspected the work of the Institute and made enquiries about its various activities. He was highly satisfied with the work that the Institute was doing in the cause of Local Self-Government. He then addressed a few words to the students of the Local Self-Government training classes conducted by the Institute on the ideals of Local Self-Governing services.

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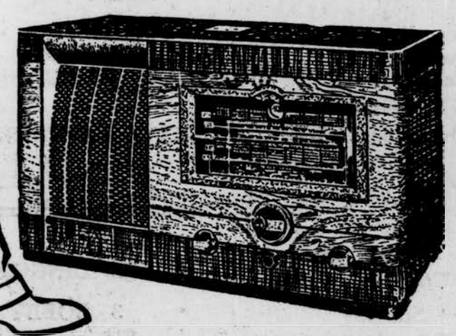

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Virginia Bruce, Fredric March and Patsy Kelly in Hal Roach's "There Goes My Heart", being released today at the New Empire through United Artists.

Fine Comedy

At The

NEW EMPIRE

Fredric March and Virginia Bruce In Hal Roach's First United Artists' Release

Fredric March and Virginia Bruce romp through the merriest adventures of the year in "There Goes My Heart," Hal Roach's gay comedy romance, which begins to-day at the New Empire.

The story casts Virginia as a madcap heiress who tries to run out on her fortune and March as a barrel of fun eating hamburg—his boss.

Virginia gives up her yacht for a job in a bargain basement and finds a new world full of walk-up apartments, kind-hearted salesgirls and eccentric motormen.

Then into her life roams the roving reporter and the pair have a barrel of fun eating hamburgers, visiting skating rinks, riding in the subway and falling in love.

The new stream-lined Patsy Kelly heads the supporting cast as the electric vibrator demonstrator who befriends the poor little rich girl, and versatile Alan Mowbray has one of his maddest roles as Patsy's subway motorman sweetheart, who works all night and studies chiropractice by day.

Nancy Carrol returns to the screen in an important featured role, while others who are prominently cast are Eugene Pallette, Etienne Girardot, Claude Gillingwater and Arthur Lake.

The screen play for "There Goes My Heart" was prepared by Eddie Moran and Jack Jevne from an original story by Ed Sullivan, the famous columnist. Norman Z. McLeod directed the production which marks Hal Roach's first picture under his new releasing contract with United Artists.

'Four Daughters'

COMING TO

New Empire

Warners' Unique Cast For Famous Fannie Hurst Story

"Four Daughters," the Warner Bros. picturization of a famous story by Fannie Hurst, will open at the New Empire Theatre on Friday next. A moving tale of four devoted sisters who fall in love with the same man, the film has one of the most unique casts in motion picture history

Given stability by the presence of such tried and true performers as Claude Rains, May Robson, Frank McHugh and Dick Foran, the cast is made remarkable by a couple of striking circumstances.

First, it marks the only time in motion picture history when three sisters not only played important roles in the same picture but were, in fact, cast as sisters. They are, of course, the Lane girls. Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola. The fourth sister, incidentally, is played by Gale Page, who is said to fit beautifully into the Lane ensemble.

The Warner studio also chose this vehicle to introduce simultaneously two of the most promising young actors it has ever presented in its long history of star-making. They are Jeffrey Lynn, tall handsome and charming—a promising candidate for feminine-heart palpitator No. 1, and John Garfield, already famous on the Broadway stage as a young character actor.

Lynn plays the captivating youth with whom the sisters all fall in love. He, however, shows a clear preference for the youngest, played by Priscilla Lane. The announcement by Priscilla of her engagement to Jeffrey is a sad blow to the other three girls but one from which they manage to recover easily, especially since they are so devoted to Priscilla that no question of jealousy is involved.

All seems to be going smoothly until the day that Jeffrey and Priscilla are to be wed. It is then that a down-at-the-heel musician, played by John Garfield, tells Priscilla that her oldest sister, portrayed by Gale Page, is deeply in love with Jeffrey and is broken-hearted over the impending wedding.

The bond between the oldest and the youngest of the girls is so deep that Priscilla cannot bear to be the instrument of her beloved sister's unhappiness. Acting upon a sacrificial impulse she runs away only a few moments before her scheduled wedding to Jeffrey and marries Garfield.

This starts the chain of circumstances which make the story of "Four Daughters" a rich and human experience. And while the mood is sometimes that of tragedy, it has many gay and light-hearted moments, and it ends, indeed, on a note of uproarious comedy.

The Fannie Hurst original was fashioned into a screen play by Julius J. Epstein and Lenore Coffee, and the production was directed by Michael Curtiz who recently made history with "The Adventures of Robin Hood."

FOUR DAUGHTERS AND THEIR BOY FRIEND:—Jeffrey Lynn (Centre), Warners' new screen find, walks away with the hearts of (left to right) Gale Page, Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane and Lola Lane in "Four Daughters," the film version of the famous story by Fannie Hurst, coming to the New Empire.

BRILLIANT STAR TEAM—Errol Flynn and Bette Davis are costarred in the Warner Bros. picture "The Sisters", one of the great love stories of all time, adapted from the famous novel by Myron. Brinig. "The Sisters" opens at the Excelsior to-day.

Errol Flynn

Teamed With

BETTE DAVIS

'THE SISTERS,' LAVISH WARNER FILM BASED ON BEST-SELLER NOVEL AT THE EXCELSIOR

Teamed together for the first time in their sensationally successful careers, Errol Flynn and Bette Davis come to the Excelsior to-day in Warner Bros.' lavishly produced film version of one of the biggest selling novels of recent years. "The Sisters," by Myron Brinig.

Besides the two great stars in the leading roles, the cast of "The Sisters" boasts a really breath-taking array of names. The two sisters of Miss Davis are portrayed by Anita Louise and Jane Bryan their parents are played by Henry Travers and Beulah Bondi, and other important roles are filled by Ian Hunter, Donald Crisp, Dick Foran, Patric Knowles, Lee Patrick and Laura Hope Crews.

As readers of the novel will recall, the story is concerned with the fortunes of three beautiful sisters who start their lives in a small Montana town, and most of the interest is centred about the brave struggle for happiness of the elder sister, played by Miss Davis.

Only the youngest remains in the town where she was born, content with a humdrum existence as the wife of a dull but prosperous banker. The second girl, who is the family beauty, makes a career of marrying for money and position and she does well at it, becoming a cosmopolitan person of the really ultra sort as she casually changes from one husband to another.

The oldest girl, however, falls in love with a charming newspaperman played by Errol Flynn, who is afflicted with itching feet and has little of the will-power necessary to get ahead in the world. Moving to San Francisco, she is eventually deserted by her wandering husband on the very eve of the great earthquake and fire of 1906.

"SECRETS OF AN ACTRESS"

KAY FRANCIS TAKES YOU INTO CONFIDENCE

Mystery ceased to be showmanship when pictures began to talk, according to Kay Francis revealing some of the 'Secrets of an Actress.'

That opinion was voiced by the raven-haired Warner Bros.' star in refuting accusations that she has deliberately tried to be mysterious.

'Talking in films and on the radio removed the seventh veil, so far as the glamour of mystery in pictures is concerned,' Kay remarked. 'In the first place I deny that I'm mysterious, and if unconsciously, I have given that impression it is because I don't carry my screen career into private life.

'I haven't had the slightest trouble from fans because I insisted on living a normal and quiet private life,' the star continued. 'In fact, I think the 'tales of fans mobbing' stars and otherwise being rude and unreasonable are vastly exaggerated.

'Fans I've encountered have been uniformly kind and courteous. This applies not only in Hollywood, where it is no uncommon experience to find oneself walking or shopping or sitting at a cafe with a film celebrity—but in other towns where I've travelled.

'Unlike so many picture actresses who can pass unrecognised in a crowd unless they obviously disguise themselves with dark glasses and so on, I'm usually recognised. People will often smile and nod, or ask if I'm Kay Francis. Children of course, frequently want autographs. Grown-ups ordinarily are simply kindly and polite and seldom even stare curiously or rudely at anyone, as I've so often read they do.'

Kay voiced this opinion on the set of her newest film at Warner Bros. 'Secrets of an Actress.'

Muni Picks A Winner

About five years ago Paul Muni was starred on the Broadway stage in 'Counsellor At Law.' He spotted one of the younger actors as most likely to succeed in films. About a month ago, Muni walked into the 'Four Daughters' set. John Garfield was playing a scene. When he finished, Muni walked over to him and thanked him for fulfilling his prophecy.

Brilliant New Star

IN

New Korda Film

A young and beautiful French star is introduced in the new London film, 'Prison Without Bars,' being released through United Artists at the Excelsior Theatre next Friday.

The newcomer is Corinne Luchaire, 17-year-old discovery of Alexander Korda, who produced the film.

Corinne Luchaire in "Prison Without Bars"

Poised and assured, but with a Bergner-like impishness, Miss Luchaire is one of the most striking personalities presented on the screen in recent years. She is clearly destined for international fame.

As Suzanne, innocent inmate of a girls' reformatory, Miss Luchaire has many dramatic opportunities. Embittered by the harsh regulations, Suzanne makes many attempts to escape, but each time she is captured and brought back. Her last escapade coincides with the arrival of Yvonne, the new superintendent, played charmingly by Edna Best.

Despite opposition from the staff Yvonne introduces sweeping reforms. She wins the love and gratitude of Suzanne, for whom she is trying to get a pardon. Happy for the first time, the girl is given more congenial work assisting the institution's doctor, George Marechal (Barry K. Barnes.) She speedily falls in love with him unaware, as is everybody else, that he is engaged to marry Yvonne.

Brilliantly acted by the entire cast, 'Prison Without Bars' is one of the most moving dramas of the year, with special honours going to the star, Corinne Luchaire, and Edna Best, Barry K. Barnes, Martita Hunt, Mary Morris, Lorraine Clewes and Sally Wisher.

Dick Powell and Olivia De Havilland in Warner Bros', forthcoming picture "Hard To Get", booked for the Excelsior.

Corinne Luchaire and Edna Best in the Alexander Korda film "Prison Without Bars", which will be the New Year Attraction at the Excelsior.

PEEP INTO PICTURE-MAKING

Paulette Offers a Sacrifice

Paulette Goddard's inch-long fingernails were sacrificed on the altar of art before she began work in 'The Young in Heart' David O. Selznick's comedy romance in which she stars with Janet Gaynor and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Because she plays a secretary in the film, her nails had to be trimmed down to working, finger-tip length. Director Richard Wallace pointed out to Paulette that she couldn't possibly come within touching distance of a typewriter key, so Juliette Marglen, nail-tender to the stars, was called to the set to supervise the operation.

'The Young in Heart' is released through United Artists.

"THE COWBOY AND THE LADY" A Sam Goldwyn Film

A rearing team-of-four hauls a careering stage coach across a dusty arena. Two stately white percherons step proudly in front of a menial waterwagon. Two rough-riding Cossacks and a white-skirted cowgirl stand in the dust discussing the weather. A rider rushes past on a white mount, to be caught unerringly in the loop of a champion lassoer and tumbled into the dust.

Altogether, on the screen, this scene from Samuel Goldwyn's "The Cowboy and the Lady", co-starring Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon will occupy a few seconds of time. Someone in the audience who turns his head or blinks will miss it. Yet, in the shooting, it involved several score extras and an amazing amount of properties and background details.

On the set a few posters were put up, and an assortment of bales and circus paraphernalia strewn round. Tents were erected, a 'deserted' shack built, and a number of chuck wagons, their tired tongues lolling to the ground, placed advantageously. The scene represents Merle Oberon's first introduction to the behind-the-scenes life of a daredevil show rider.

From a lofty tower, shaded from the sun by orange umbrellas, Director H. C. Potter and Cameraman Gregg Toland controlled the move and countermarch of the actors below them by means of a public address system, with concealed horns to carry their voices to all corners of the set.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Noguchi's Third Letter To Tagore

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I regret that my appealing to Dr. Tagore was a waste of time, for it was after all a foolishness of "preaching to the wind" And I cannot help realizing my present situation, perhaps unfortunate, that prevents me from spinning a yarn of idealism according to his fashion. Although I never fall behind Tagore in the matter of dream, it has to begin to me after acquitting myself of my duty to the nation. Being loyal people, all of my ancestors had lived a respectable life in gratitude to Heaven that taught them how to share sorrow or joy with fellow brothers. Even when as now my mental vista grew wider, I cannot ignore my family history for claiming an extraterritorial kingdom to sing an irresponsible song into the air. I must belong to my country alone, not to all countries at the expense of my own nationality. So I am content with my lot, though Dr. Tagore might have called me intellectual traitor, but for he accidentally recognised that I was true to my country at this grave moment of life or death Praise me or swear at me, such is my own real self.

When Dr. Tagore mentioned in his first reply to me about a great French writer who cried for the "betrayal of intellectuals", he must have meant that that writer was Romain Rolland. I am not without a touch of envy, because Monsieur Rolland was so situated that he could find safety by the Lake Geneva, even when he was driven out of his country. But what part of the world have I to go to, when I am outcast by my country? There is no Geneva for me, where I can take my innocent children who will possibly starve if I am wilfully antagonised to my home people. Besides it is proper, I believe, that I have to respond to the loyal sentiments of my own two nephews who are fighting now at the front. Then futile it is to talk with one who, disregarding the actual circumstances, imagines that we trample other people's country underfoot for an improper greed, and to impress him with the meaning of patriotism. Any country would be crazy if she goes to spend fifty thousand million 'yen' a year, being not supported by unavoidable reasons. Japan is not exhausting her purse for nothing.

It is so strange that Dr. Tagore still declines to understand why the present war had been started. Who had first fired upon Japanese troops at the Marco Polo Bridge by Peking? Does Dr. Tagore know that two hundred Japanese and Korean men, women and children had been massacred in Tungchow, a city near Peking, July 28th, 1937, and that this atrocity of Chinese soldiers had driven us into serious war? Can Dr. Tagore still say that such horrible conduct is admissible for any country to protect her "sights and happiness"? His sense of humanity will see it difficult, I think, to defend China how much he be in love with her. Admitting that we are invaders, we invaded China as an invited invader.

Soon after I learnt India in 1936, the Indo-Japanese Association was formed in Calcutta, though it was a small affair, under the leadership of Professors Nag and Sarkar, and it was expected to grow larger and useful, because of its noble cause encouraging friendship between the two countries. And when I knew that Dr. Tagore became an honorary president of the association, I was glad because, as one who had twice visited Japan, his understanding of Japanese minds, I thought, was right, and I myself knew him for more than twenty years. It was such a great event of my life that I visited Santiniketan in November, 1935, and was received by Dr. Tagore with courtesy of real Indian fashion. Addressing me from a dais among the mangoe grove of the Ashram, Dr. Tagore thanked Japan with lovely language for the reception we prepared when he visited us years ago. But the beautiful land, with which he felt then a "living bond of love and reverence", became today to him a "land of Tamer Lane with the tower of skulls". And the poet whom he praised before is now but a traitor who enjoys favouritism by indentifying with a devil. Ah what an irony of fate!

But I am not without solace because I did not write him from a personal motive, but from a sincere desire for chances to correct his opinion with the facts I offered him. Of course I have nothing to say now to him, for he insists, as he does, to stay on the top of an ivory tower to which there is no ladder, and wishes not to come down to the ground of reality. How foolish I was to disturb his mind comfortable in a world of fabrication, and to be beaten by his shout with all exaggerations fitting to a melodramatic stage! Agreeing with Dr. Tagore's saying in his letter dated October, 29th, that it was no longer necessary for either of us to try to convince the other, I refrain myself from sending him any more letters. Then let me address you, as with the present letter, for I have still something that I want to tell my Indian friends through your columns.

When the nature of Dr. Tagore's answers to me was known to my friends, they were disappointed, because as a man of Illumination, not a one-sided dreamer, they thought, his mental lamp of light had to be used also to study the Japanese stand point Blotting out Japan from his understanding, and using sentimentalism to excess, he created a situation which made one fear not only for himself but also for India. When I wrote him first, my letter meant to be an appealing, plain and simple, but answering me in a challenging fashion, he made me think about various things of his own country.

Any one who takes trouble to read the Chinese history will know that it is a series of the rise and fall of many kingdoms and empires; being united, divided, united, divided again and again through the ages, the Chinese people in general grew selfseeking and realistic, because one's safety was only assured in materialism. They never spent a moment to study the nature of their rulers, as long as they were safe, and because they were themselves an unrelated existence. So when Sun Yat-sen's Kaomingtung party overturned the last Imperial dynasty in 1912, the people did not drop even one parting tear to the departed emperor. But local governors and military captains being turned bandit after the fall of the Imperial house, the Kaomingtung party were obliged to put off a democratic theory that was powerless for subjugating them. And when Chiang Kai-shek, the successor to Sun Yat-sen, held power of dictatorship in his iron hands, he exhausted military weapons or "silver bullets" to root out his enemies. He is an unprincipled Machiavellist when he dispensed with Russian support in 1927 for he then felt himself strong enough, but again today returned to it, not talking about his selling out to the west for maintaining his position. And he was one of the most awful despots ever known in the world, who regarded the country as his own personal property, leaving all suffering and misery to the masses. It is laughable to look upon China under the light of liberalism. There is nothing more absurd than to talk of Chiang in connection with the sense of morality.

If we successfully carry out the present war, it would be a mutual benefit, for both of us, China and Japan, because, establishing a new world with uplifted people, we can get there a new field where raw materials have to be exchanged with our manufacturers goods There is nothing more momentous to the Chinese than to learn a better liberated living, and to us, than to have a strong neighbour with friendly feelings.

A few words more in the end. Not only Dr. Tagore, nearly all the Indians make a mistake in thinking that Chiang represents the whole country of China. If he ever does, there is no reason why one half of the country under our occupation is now already becoming peaceful and friendly with us. A recent report says that Changsha in Hunan province had reduced all to ashes by Chinese soldiers who had to leave a desert to us, and made three-hundred thousand people homeless and hungry. As such, they have no right to claim the name of fighting for the national defence. And it is no wonder why the people have no sympathy with them. If such conduct is not crazy, what is it?—Yours, etc.

YONE NOGUCHI

Tokyo, Nov. 28

Indian Cricket

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is high time that something is done to end or mend the canker of disharmony that has been eating into the heart of Indian cricket during the last four or five years. Important cricket organisations should put their heads together immediately to devise ways and means to make Indian cricket clean and healthy again. The alternatives are either to bring harmony by a policy of conciliation, or to purge cricket of all undesirable elements by suspending from playing, offending players for long or short periods. We must remember however, that the patching up business attempted a few months ago did not help matters.

There is a tendency to get enthusiastic over events only for a short time after they occurred and people forget all about them till the next event happens. This should not be the case with our cricket reform, and whatever is to be done should be taken in hand now.

The unpleasantness of the last Pentangular tournament mihgt be considered as a domestic affair; but when the M. C. C. team comes over next year, there should not be any unpleasantness; otherwise Indian Cricket will be the laughingstock of the sporting world. For this the business of putting our house in order should be commenced immediately; and if the offending player do not or will not show signs of repenting and reforming, we can do without them as we have enough new cricket talent in the country to put up a good fight against our visiting rivals.—Yours, etc.

"A Cricket-Fan Medico".

Cow's Milk For Under-Nourished School-Children

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The Bombay Municipal Corporation has recently passed a resolution, recommending free supply of milk to under-nourished school-children and it is understood that a provision of thirty to fifty thousand rupees is being made in the Municipal budget for this purpose. Both the city fathers as well as the Bombay Municipality, deserve congratulations for this move.

Not only in the interests of municipal school-children but in the wider interests of nation-building the responsible administrators of the Corporation as well as the school committee can utilize this substantial grant in improving upon the original object.

It is just possible to arrange and organize that not only 'any kind of milk' but 'pure cow's milk' is supplied to poor under-nourished school children. Such an oragnization would certainly serve the best national interests.

It is universally admitted by eastern as well as western health-experts that under-nourished children and weak persons are greatly benefited in regaining their health and strength by the use of cow's milk than any other milk.

But unfortunately for India cow's milk is becoming a scarcity even in villages owing to the commercial policy of slaughter-houses, combined with the general apathy of masses towards this most important vital problem of national health and national economics.

Cows milk is easy to digest and best for health; besides, it surpasses buffalloes' milk or any other milk in a "special quality of its own." It is a well observed fact that a cow's calf nourished on cow's milk is far more active and sharp than the slothful young one of the buffallo, due to the heavy nourishment of buffallo milk. Those who care to observe and think can find out the same difference between persons using cow's milk and those using buffalloes milk as their regular diet. Practical scientists have experimented on this and others can repeat the same experiments with similar results. Besides cow's milk is also a very good brain-tonic, hence it is an ideal diet for brain workers. For school children especially, a regular nourishment of cow's milk would be of immense benefit.

This problem is also to be looked at, from a wider national interest. The commercial policy of slaughter Houses is responsible for the bloody drain in India of millions of cattle useful for dairy purposes and for agricultural purposes as well. Indian agriculture has tremendously suffered owing to this blody drain and especially that of cows and bullocks.

Economists, Agricultural experts and Leaders like the late Lokamanya-Tilak and Lala Lajpatray as well as Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Mahatma Gandhi, have protested against this bloody drain very often.

According to Mahatma Gandhi slaughter of cows and bullocks is the main reason why agriculture in India is not now an economically paying proposition. It is very clear therefore that this problem occupies a very important place in national economics.

By using the proposed grant in encouraging the supply of pure cow's milk to deficient school children, the authorities responsible for this department would be achieving a two-fold national service, (1) the right type of nourishment to city school children—a nourishment to the body as well as brain—(2) Encouraging a supply of pure cow's milk, a dairy—supplying pure cow's milk—is just possible to be established on a self-supporting economic basis and thus an example will be created for cow-rearing and cow-protection in solving the great national problem of health and agriculture.

I hope the present and future city-fathers of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, as well as the authorities concerned, will seriously consider this proposition and achieve the praiseworthy object of two-fold national uplift in earmarking the special grant for supporting the supply of pure cow milk alone for the deficient school children.—Yours, etc.

K. M. TAMHANKER,
Secretary,
Govardhan Samstha,
Bombay Office.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Diwan of Travancore accompanied by his Secretary, Mr. Chidambaram arrived in Bombay this morning from Calcutta. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer will leave for Trivandrum on Saturday morning by air.—A. P.

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Miss Hira Bose, who won several medals at the All-India Music Conference, held at Delhi, executing "Kinnari Dance."

A. C. Chatterji Memorial Hall, which will be declared open by Mrs. Hansa Mehta at Dadar this evening.

UNIVERSITY ENTERTAINS SPORTSMEN

Banquet At Hindusthan Coffee House

After the conclusion of the Inter-Group Sport at the Brabourne Stadium, the Local Committee of the University Sports Control Board entertained all the sportsmen who participated in the Games to a banquet at the Hindusthan Coffee House, Churchgate Street on Thursday night. Covers were laid for over 125 guests. Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, Vice-Chancellor of the University, presided.

IMPORTANCE OF SPORT

Rev. Fr. G. Palacios, Chairman of the Sports Board, proposing the Toast of our 'Alma Mater', dwelt at length on the importance of physical education and sport. "Scholastic education gives you knowledge and physical education gives you energy," he said. These two should be combined to make your education complete. Without the one you cannot make the best use of the other. So he exhorted every student to take to physical training and sport as much as to scholastic education.

Mr. Chandavarkar, responding, stressed on the necessity of discipline. "But it should not be super-imposed by the authorities, either College or Government," he urged. It must come from within. Then only there can be perfect team-work between all. When they have learnt to implicitly obey their colleague and equals like Captains and play-leaders, they will succeed in every walk of life and even in liberating their motherland.

Mr. Chandavarkar pointed out that the University was spending about Rs. 8,000 every year on sports, and a few thousands more on the U.T.C. and medical inspection of the students. He should have very much liked to spend more but financal stringency did not permit it. He also wished that the University should have a Sports Club of its own so that it can inculcate the spirit of comradeship among them all, irrespective of caste, creed, colour or nationality.

Prof. Choksi in a humorous speech poposed the Toast of the guests, to which Mr. S. Lissenburg responded on behalf of the sportsmen.

After a sumptuous dinner, the gathering dispersed with three cheers for the Vice-Chancellor.

KAUNAS, Dec. 23.—The Polish Lithuanian Trade Agreement has been signed.—Reuter.

Municipality To Lend Materials To Tripuri Congress

(From Our Correspondent).

JUBBULPORE, (By Mail).

The rat destruction campaign, in view of the threatening outbreak of the plague in the bordering districts, is in full swing in Jubbulpore.

1,615 rats were trapped, destroyed and examined during the week ending December 17, as against 1,840 in the preceding week. 51 houses and 244 rat holes were also synogassed during this period as against 52 houses and 273 rat holes in the preceding week. None of the destroyed rats on being examined contained positive plague baccilli.

MUNICIPALITY TO LEND MATERIAL TO CONGRESS.

The Jubbulpore Municipal Committee has unanimously resolved to lend the required material, if available, from the Municipal Stores to the Reception Committee of the Tripuri Congress Session, free of charge.

"LOCAL GOVT." NOT BE USED.

According to a C. P. Government Notification, the Provincial Government has notified that henceforth in all the official and semi-official correspondence, the word "Local Government" be replaced by the word "Provincial Government."

ALL INDIA AUDICHAYA BRAHMAN CONFERENCE AT MUTTRA.

The 23rd Session of All-India Audichaya Brahma Samaj, 3rd Session of A. I. Audichaya Youth Conference and 8th Provincial Audichaya Conference will be held at Muttra from 25th December to 27th December. Special features of the Conference will be an Audichaya Art and Industrial exhibition, a Kavi Sammelan and a Music Conference. The following gentlemen will preside in the following different functions:—

Brahm-Samaj Sjt. Jamiat Ram N. Trivedi (advocate) Surat.

Youth Conference—Sjt. Ramanlal A. Jani (Ahmedabad).

Provincial Conference. Pt. Govind Vallabh Shastri, (Bareilly).

Music Conference—Deota Shri Dharji (Kotah).

All the presidents-elect are coming on the 24th evening. The exhibition will be opened by Mr. M. G. Raval, Proprietor, Rawal and Co., Bombay. About 500 delegates from Gujrat, Kathiawar, Malwa, Rajputana and U.P. are expected to attend.

LONDON.—Notgrove Manor, the Cotswold residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P., for the City of London was almost completely destroyed by fire. For centuries, it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.—Reuter.

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Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Chairman of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, in inviting Sardar Vallabhbhai to perform the opening ceremony of the Scindia House spoke at length of the history and struggles of the Company from its inception. Mr. M. A. Master read a part of the speech of Mr. Walchand.

Sardar Vallabhbhai, Shriyut Bhulabhai, ladies and gentlemen,

As the Chairman of the premier national shipping concern of India which has happily survived the several severe attacks of the vested British shipping interests to crush the Indian shipping enterprise during the last twenty years, I consider it a piece of singular good fortune for me to have, on this great occasion in the life of this Company, the pleasure and the privilege of welcoming you, Sardar Vallabhbhai, in our midst to-day and in tendering to you on behalf of my colleagues and myself our grateful thanks for the great honour that you have done to us. I fully appreciate the deep significance of your observation in your letter accepting our invitation that you were "bound to accept the honour" to be associated with to-day's ceremony because you look upon the Scindia Company as "the only national concern in the shipping line" in India and, therefore, deem it your duty to help "this great national enterprise" in its endeavours to build up an Indian Merchant Navy worthy of India's greatness as a maritime country. Your presence here this afternoon is, therefore, a living expression of the abiding interest which the Indian National Congress has evinced in developing the industries of the country owned, controlled and managed by Indians themselves. It is the symbol, may I say, of a happy, harmonious and helpful association of the national economic and the national political forces of this land and I am sure that none realises more than yourself that such association is essential for the fulfilment of the great mission which the Congress is destined to fulfil, viz. the attainment of Purna Swaraj for this country.

Shriyut Bhulabhai, on behalf of my colleagues and myself I also extend to you, who have fought many a battle in the national interests of the country, both inside and outside the Legislature, our warmest welcome for gracing this occasion by your presence and agreeing to unveil the bust of the late Sheth Narottam Morarjee, the founder of the Company, about whom I shall have to say a few words hereafter.

I extend our most cordial welcome to all of you ladies and gentlemen, who have honoured us by your presence this afternoon and before I request Sardar Vallabhbhai to declare the "Scindia House" open, I shall refer to a few salient features of the various struggles which the Company has had to face ever since it came into existence twenty years ago.

I have also to express my sincere thanks for the very kind and encouraging messages of good wishes which we have received on this occasion from all over the country including National Leaders, the Premiers of various Provincial Governments and from important Indian States including the various maritime States of India. These messages clearly indicate the strong and widespread feeling of sympathy which pervades the whole country towards the struggles and aspirations of this Company which is recognised as a national institution.

NATIONAL VENTURE

The tremendous economic upheaval in the world which followed the great war brought forth a new spirit of enterprise for national regeneration in this country. Fired with this new spirit of national endeavour, the late Sheth Narottam Morarjee, the late Sheth Kilachand Devchand, the late Sir Lalubhai Samaldas and I purchased the s.s. "Loyalty" in February 1919 and attempted to start a passenger line between Bombay and the United Kingdom. Little did we realise at that time that we were thus destined to lay the foundations of Swadeshi shipping for India. The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. was soon registered on the 27th March, 1919, and the s.s. "Loyalty," a passenger ship owned, controlled and managed by Indians themselves carried on the 5th April, 1919, for the first time from Bombay to Europe a large number of our distinguished countrymen. It has often been said that the purchase of the s.s. "Loyalty" was a mistake. Let me tell you, gentlemen, that the very first outward voyage of that ship from Bombay to Marseilles brought to it a profit of nearly a lac of rupees. Had not the hostile forces at the time led to the unusual detention of that ship for over six months in London for its survey which could have been normally completed in three weeks, it would have made sufficient profits in a few months to cover the largest portion of its original cost, particularly as the condition of the purchase was that the ship could not be commandeered by the Government of the day. This delay, which we could not have foreseen and which we were helpless to prevent, upset all our calculations at the very start and deprived us of the rich harvest we expected to reap. If it was, therefore, a mistake under these circumstances to purchase the s.s. "Loyalty," I am sure you will all agree with me that it was a glorious mistake because although the Company no doubt lost a fortune over the ship, it laid the foundations of national shipping and brought into existence new forces and new endeavours for building up an Indian Merchant Navy for this country.

Owing to the position, prestige and influence of the great House of Morarjee Goculdas, the Authorised Capital of Rs. 4,50,00,000 of the Scindia Company was oversubscribed and the Board of Directors requested Sheth Narottam and myself, while we were in London, to purchase suitable boats for the business of the Company. We decided to purchase the six Frank boats of the Palace Shipping Company for a million pounds and paid £100,000 as earnest money. This was the beginning of the great difficulties which we had to face in London. Those were the days when the Shipping Controller was all powerful. Not only would he refuse to change the Registry of the ships from Great Britain to India, but he could and he did also object to the transfer of the ownership of the boats from a London Company to an Indian Company. For a time we thought that our £100,000 were lost. We consequently decided to acquire indirectly the ownership of the boats by the purchase of the shares of the Palace Shipping Company. It was, however, brought to our notice that even the shares of a shipping company registered in Great Britain could not be obtained without getting the express permission of the Shipping Controller. It was therefore not without strenuous efforts that we could obtain the necessary permission to purchase the shares and that too only after an undertaking was given by us that the ships affected would remain in the United Kingdom and subject to the existing conditions and control with respect to the licensing of voyages and the right to direct them. It was thus nearly after 12 months that we succeeded in getting the 6 Frank boats transferred from the name of the Palace Shipping Company to the name of the Scindia Company in Bombay.

The boom in the world of shipping in the meantime had passed away and the period of severe depression had set in. We, however, decided to run the ships in the coastal trade of India, Burma and Ceylon and the s.s. "Frankby", the Company's new steamer unfurled for the first time

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'National Mercantile Marine Worthy Of Our Country'

Leaders Pay Tribute To Pioneering Spirit Of Scindia Steamship Company

MESSAGES GALORE FROM ALL QUARTERS

The following are the Messages from National Leaders, Prime Ministers, Maharajas and Dewans of Maritime and other Indian States received on the occasion of the opening of the Scindia House:—

Message from Rashtrapati Shriyut Subhas Chandra Bose, President, Indian National Congress.

"I am gratified to learn that the Scindia Company the pioneer Indian shipping enterprise, is entering its own new building on the 23rd Dec., 1938, after completing 20 years of strenuous and heroic struggle. The Scindia Company is a national concern whose development and progress have been watched with sympathy and interest by the public of this country. Foreign shipping has entrenched itself in the coastal and foreign trade of this country and numerous Indian enterprises have been ruined by the competition of British vested interests. The Scindia Company has had therefore to fight at every stage and in a variety of ways, inch by inch, to gain even the little footing that it has got in India's own coastal trade. While felicitating its organisers and conductors on the success that it has so far achieved, I cannot help giving expression to my sense of acute dissatisfaction that even our own coastal trade is not yet in our own hands while we have hardly any share in the vast foreign maritime trade of this country. I trust that the Scindia Company which has since last year tried to enter into the Haj Pilgrim traffic will shortly inaugurate passenger and cargo service in the overseas trade of India. In wishing all success to this premier Indian Shipping Company, I trust that it will continue to be inspired as hitherto by a national outlook and policy for it is one of the active manifestations of the growing national spirit which pervades our economic no less than our political life."

"I also wish to convey my best wishes on the occasion of the unveiling of the Statue of the late Shri Narottam Morarjee, the founder and the first Chairman of the Scindia Company, who led in the initial stages the valiant fight against British shipping interests and contributed all that was best in him for building up a national shipping industry."

Message from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

"I send my good wishes to the Scindia Company on the occasion of its opening its new building. For many years past I have watched with interest the struggle of national shipping interests against powerful foreign shipping companies aided by the British Government. I have no doubt that if India had been a free country and in a position to control her own destiny, we would have developed long ago a national mercantile marine worthy of our country, whose ships would have ploughed the oceans of the world and been welcome visitors to its great ports. But foreign vested interests have come in our way and a foreign Government has obstructed our growth. We have been in the past a great maritime nation, and even to-day we have the talent, the trained men and the resources to build up great shipping services. The Scindia Company has been a pioneer in this field and, in spite of opposition and obstruction, has made good. It has deserved its success. But this is only the beginning. I am impatient to see Indian ships carrying the flag of India across distant seas to far away countries."

Message from His Highness The Right Hon'ble Aga Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan,

"Heartily congratulate Scindia Company on great success your patriotic enterprise your services all sections Indian population and prayers to Almighty further success in future."

Message from Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

"I offer my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company which as the pioneer in the revival of Indian Commercial shipping deserves the goodwill and sympathy of the whole country."

Message from Mr. Jamshed N. R. Mehta, Karachi, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

"Scindia Company has kept up the banner of India's freedom in the line of Navigation up to now. I am sure that the spirit of freedom, intelligence and hardwork of you and your colleagues will keep up the flag still flying higher and undisturbed. Late Seth Narottam Morarjee's part in this great work will never be forgotten and will always be remembered in the history of the present India's Navigation. The whole country is with you and may God bless you all to achieve the object for which you are working."

Message from Honourable Mr. Fazlul Huq, Prime Minister, Bengal.

"I learn with pleasure that the Scindia Steam Navigation Company which is the pioneer and premier Indian shipping company is entering its own new building on 23rd December. Indian shipping has had to contend with several difficulties and obstacles in its chequered development and it is some satisfaction that the efforts of the Scindia Company to build up a national coastal shipping service has had such success. While wishing all success to this great Indian enterprise I hope it will not rest content merely with expansion in the coastal trade of India but will also enter the foreign and overseas trade of the country and will participate in the large volume of passenger and cargo traffic between India and Europe. A national Mercantile Marine is essential both from the point of view of the economic well-being of the country as well as of national defence. I trust that the day is not distant when the flag of Indian shipping fly in all the great sea routes of the world."

Message from the Hon'ble Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Prime Minister, Madras.

"My greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the opening of the new buildings of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel represents the whole nation at this ceremony. His participation is a token of the interest of the whole of India in the successful organisation of coastal navigation that has been so far achieved by the Scindia Company. It is a crime for any people to neglect the resources that Providence has placed at their disposal. To use the sea coast on behalf of the trade of India and for the benefit of India, and where such use is opposed by any selfish interests, to struggle against such interests and carry on the constructive battle on behalf of the nation is great work. It is, therefore, fitting that the congratulations of the nation should be sent to the Company on this occasion. I may claim that this struggle started at Tuticorin with the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company for which the late Sri. V. O. Chidambaram Pillai suffered. That Company broke on account of political complications. The struggle has been carried on more successfully by the Scindia Company and may further success crown its efforts."

Message from the Hon'ble Sir Sikander Hayat Khan, Prime Minister, The Punjab.

"On occasion of opening of new building of Scindia Company I send my good wishes to you Directors and shareholders for success and prosperity of Company. The Company under your able guidance has done great service to cause of national shipping industry and I confidently hope and pray that it might achieve even greater success in future under your inspiration and guidance."

Message from The Hon. Mr. G. B. Pant, Prime Minister, U. P.

"The Scindia Steam Navigation Company has shown remarkable enterprise in the field of mercantile shipping. It is a matter for gratification to all Indians that in spite of heavy odds the Company has been able to forge ahead, with the result that it has already secured an unassailable position in coastal traffic. It is now looking ahead and I hope that its ships will be soon plying on the high seas. Shipping industry and maritime trade have not received the attention that they deserve and we have to make up a considerable leeway in this direction so that this gap in our national economy may be filled. I wish the Company every success".

Message from The Hon'ble Mr. Allah Buksh, Prime Minister, Sind.

"I send my best wishes on the auspicious occasion of the opening of the new building of the Scindia Company, and also for the continued prosperity of your great enterprise."

Message from The Hon. Mr. Biswanath Das, Prime Minister, Orissa.

"I respond to your invitation to express my prayerful blessings to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company on the occasion of the opening of the new building of the Scindia House at Bombay. At a time when Indians had forgotten all about their navigation, these enterprising gentlemen started this concern to provide opportunities for the people of the soil. They braved all competition and rate-war in the hands of the well established steamship companies. Let me, therefore, hope that this example will be followed by people of this country to have our due share in the activities of the world mercantile marine.

You have been specially fortunate in securing, on this occasion, the services of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the greatest Indians known for his service and sacrifice. I, therefore, convey to you this message of goodwill, from myself and of my colleagues, as also, from the people of Orissa, on this auspicious occasion, to crown your effort with success."

Message from The Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Shankar Shukla, Prime Minister, Central Provinces.

"It is a matter of pride and pleasure to find that the Scindia Company has given lead to the National Shipping industry by its successful struggle of the last twenty years. When freedom's battle is won and true history of India is written your Company's name will stand foremost amongst the pioneers of industrial India. You are fortunate in getting one of the most patriotic Indians, Sardar Patel, to open your New House. Accept hearty congratulations and blessings."

Message from The Hon'ble Dr. Ba Maw, Premier of Burma.

"I am most happy to hear that the Scindia Company have increased their business to the extent of requiring new and enlarged premises. The Company have in my view earned this success richly by the courage and vision with which they have carried out a great work of national

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INDIA STANDS BY NATIONAL VENTURE

Sardar Patel Commends Walchand's Fight Against Foreign Interests

Opening the Scindia House on Friday, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel thanked the Board of Directors of the Scindia Company for inviting him to declare open the Scindia House, a stately and glorious building on whose bricks and stones were written the history of the Scindia Company of the past twenty years, and on which will be written the future history of Indian shipping. It was a beautiful monument of patriotism and the statue of its founder was also to be unveiled that day. The Scindia Company naturally looked towards the National Congress for sympathy and support, being a national institution itself and that was the justification for his presence here that day. He brought a message of good wishes congratulations and full sympathy and support from that great institution, the Indian National Congress, whose struggle for independence ran parallel to the history of the Scindia Company. There was no patriotic Indian, who would not be proud of the history of Scindia, which had struggled and successfully fought against British shipping. It was a significant co-incidence that Scindia's first venture in shipping began practically in the same week when the nation began its struggle against the Rowlatt Act which is still commemorated in the National Week.

TRIBUTE TO WALCHAND

Mr. Walchand's contribution to the success and progress of the Scindia Company could not be too highly spoken of. His great capacity, courage, patriotism and ceaseless endeavours for the good of the company and of Indian shipping were responsible in no small measure for the present organisation and achievements of the concern. Mr. Shantikumar, the son of the late Seth Narottam, had also inherited his father's patriotism and was devoting all that was best in him for the success and development of the company. Sardar Vallabhbhai proceeded:

"Just as the Congress has refused to give up its ultimate ideal for temporary benefits or petty reforms, so the directors of the Scindia Company declined in the past to sell that concern for temporary and selfish interests. It was only on this basis of sacrifice on the part of its promoters and shareholders that the edifice of Indian shipping had been proudly built. I would, therefore, seriously warn those, who still hope to obstruct the development of Scindia Company and Indian shipping that they should not rely on the broken reed of commercial safeguards in the new constitution.

NEW PHASE

The messages of good wishes, which have been received from all over the country to-day including the Indian Princes and the Prime Ministers of the various Provinces as well as the national leaders, shows unmistakably what the position of Scindia is to-day in the country and in the nation's heart. Those who have exploited the country and bled it white all these years without let or hindrance owing to their political domination should now pause and ponder for the times are changed and a new spirit is abroad. Power is passing from the hands, which have misused it, into the hands of the people of the country and the days of of those, who want to annihilate national enterprise for their own aggrandisement are over.

It is after all in the hands of Indians themselves to break to pieces the most stringent of commercial safeguards. The messages clearly indicate the widespread and strong feeling of sympathy for the cause represented by Scindias. It is a matter of humiliation not merely for the Congress-minded people but for all Indians, when they go on board the steamer and see that the flag flown on the ship is not that of national shipping. If Scindias had a fraction of the strength and support, which British shipping derives from political conditions, the flag of the Scindias would have flown in all the oceans of the world

MODEST DEMAND

What Scindias want, however, is extremely modest and reasonable demand. It wants only to serve and cater for its own coastal trade, which should be theirs as a matter of fact. India is the only country whose coastal trade is mortgaged to and dominated by foreigners. The Congress and Mahatmaji have defined in no uncertain terms what constitutes Swadeshi industry and yet it is a matter of regret and shame that even among our own country-men there are persons who want to support the foreigners' ill gotten gains and play their game.

The Scindia Company has come to the rescue of small Indian shipping companies and has helped them to survive against the onslaught of British shipping. It has helped to create an Indian personnel for sea service and but for it the Dufferin cadets would have been unemployed. It has a devoted and efficient staff, which shows remarkable team spirit and works with zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Indian shipping. Even the laudable enterprise of Scindias in endeavouring to serve the Haj traffic has been resisted by British shipping and I cannot help observing that the manner in which British shipping interests have behaved in this matter and defied the Government of the country is discreditable alike to British commercial interests and to the authorities.

NATIONAL INSTITUTION

Scindias want all the sympathy and support that the public can give them, because of the powerful anti-national forces ranged against them, and I give them this message of assurance on behalf of the great national institution, which I represent, that we shall stand by them through thick and thin and to see that they thrive and flourish as a national institution and in nation's interests. Let me in conclusion wish that it will win still further laurels and that the National Flag will proudly fly over Scindia's steamers, which will ply in all the oceans of the world at no distant date. (Loud applause)."

TRIBUTE TO LATE NAROTTAM MORARJI

Bhulabhai's Warning To Britain

Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai in unveiling the statue of the late Seth Narottam Morarji paid a tribute to his memory and to the services rendered by him in the industrial world, and said: "I must emphasise as I did in the Central Assembly during the debate on the Income-tax Bill that if the Britishers want to trade in this country they can do so only through the goodwill of the people of the land and not by taking refuge behind commercial safeguards and by injuring the interests of the people of this country. As the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald once frankly told a deputation from Lancashire, British bayonets could not help to sell Manchester cloth in this country. No people would submit to such ruthless exploitation and India is now fully awake and conscious of her rights and powers. I am familiar with the recent tragic chapter of the unfair competition against Scindia Company in the Haj Line, which they wanted to serve, because of the invitation and goodwill of our Muslim brethren. It was no use the Mogul Line cutting rates against Scindias on the pretext of the interest of the pilgrims which they had all these years neglected.

A CHALLENGE.

This rate war was simply with a view to drive away legitimate Indian enterprise and if the Mogul Line genuinely felt for the interests of the Muslim pilgrims,

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Achievement Of Two Decades

Scindias Keep Flag Of National Shipping Aloft

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pioneering. I sincerely wish them further and increasing prosperity."

Message from The Hon'ble Sir Baron Jayatilaka, Chief Minister, Ceylon.

"Please convey to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company my congratulations on the inauguration of the new buildings and my best wishes for the continued prosperity of their undertakings."

Message from H. E. Shaik Abdullah Suleiman, Finance Minister, Saudi Arabia, Jeddah.

"On the occasion of your inaugurating your Scindia House in Bombay I wish to extend to the Chairman Board and Members my best wishes for the prosperity and success of your Company."

Message from His Highness Maharaja Ranasaheb Shri Sir Natvarsingji Bhavsinhji Bahadur, K.C.S.I., Maharaja Ranasaheb of Porbandar.

"On this auspicious occasion of the opening of "Scindia House," the new building of your Company, and the unveiling of the bust of the late Sheth Narottam Morarji, one of Porbandar's beloved subjects and a leading millmagnate, it gives me very great pleasure to convey on behalf of the people of Porbandar and myself our message of cordial good wishes, and to offer our hearty congratulations on the completion of 20 years of arduous and successful working, during which your Company has been the pioneers in Indian shipping."

Message from Lt.-Colonel His Highness Maharaja Jam Shri Digvijayasinhji Saheb Bahadur, K.C.S.I., Maharaja Jamsaheb of Nawanagar.

" * * * The history of the "Scindia" is practically the history of the initiation, growth and development of Indian shipping of modern times. Every patriotic Indian will, I have no doubt, be proud of the achievements of the "Scindia" in the direction of establishing and advancing national shipping during a short span of two decades.

When the Company was started twenty years ago by my late friend, Seth Narottam Morarji, he was confronted with innumerable difficulties and formidable opposition. But a brave fighter, a great nationalist and a shrewd businessman that he was, he could visualise the bright future of this all important industry and would never give up the fight for its just rights. He was not destined to see his pet child on its feet well-established. His name will be written in letters of gold in the history of Indian Shipping for having revived this key industry, and awakened the public to its value and importance to the country.

After his sad demise, however, the Company was fortunate in having at its head, as his successor, an equally great nationalist and businessman. I mean, of course, Seth Walchand Hirachand. He has guided the affairs of the Company, and championed the cause of the Industry in such a manner that even its founder Seth Narottam could have wished for nothing better. And the result is what we see to-day. He has established the right for the recognition of the just claims of this national industry, set the Company on firm and sound footing and on the way to prosperity. He has piloted the Company through the vicissitudes of fortune and against the teeth of opposition with unequalled success. I know he has many more battles to fight; but have no doubt he will in the end come victor, because his cause is just and his claims reasonable.

On this auspicious occasion when the Company is moving into its new house, and when the bust of my friend, the late Seth Narottam Morarji, is being unveiled (a well merited tribute) I wish the Company every success, and the Indian Shipping Industry of which the "Scindia" is the prime representative a bright future. On the success of this Industry will depend largely the growth of India's trade."

Message from His Highness Maharajadhiraj Mirza Maharao Shri Khengarji Savai Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Maharao of Cutch.

"On the occasion which marks a milestone in the development of the Indian Shipping industry I desire to express to the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company my warm congratulations on their having attained their majority in the shipping world and completed twenty years of successful enterprise. None knows better than I the value of their service since they call at my port and thereby foster trade and facilitate communications. That their service is a fulfilment of national aspiration also goes without saying. My earnest wish is that the Company will continue to prosper and to expand in the cause of national development. The erection of a memorial to Sheth Narottam Morarjee is a deserving tribute to his memory with which I gladly associate myself."

Message from His Highness Nawab Sir Mahabatkhanji Rasulkhanji, G. C. I. E., K. C. S. I. Nawab of Junagadh.

"On occasion of opening ceremony Scindia House new building and unveiling bust Sheth Narottam Morarji I have pleasure in congratulating Board of Directors Scindia Steam Navigation Company on completing twenty years of uphill struggle and establishing itself despite difficulties on present sound position. I wish it long life of ever increasing prosperity and all success."

Message from His Highness Maharaja Sri Krishnakumar Singhji, Maharaja of Bhavnagar.

"I am glad to know of the Company's well being in the past twenty years and wish it all prosperity in future."

Message from His Highness Maharaja Shri Sir Lukhdhirji Bahadur, K.C.S.I., Maharaj of Morvi.

"I much appreciate services to Indian trade rendered by Scindia Steam Navigation Company in the matter of Indian National Shipping. It had to pass through much stress and struggle during the course of its activities for these twenty years. Everyone in India will be happy to note that the Company has weathered many storms and has come out successfully. Progress of the Company is largely due to successive Boards of Directors who were chosen not only for their business capacity and integrity but for generous pride they took in this national concern. Co-operation and conservation of resources are the demands of our times. With these as watchwords I trust Scindia will grow in strength and prestige which may be offered at the feet of the trade of India and its nationalism. I am happy to find that when my Port of Navlakhi was still in its infancy ships of the Company showed to the maritime world its prospects and potentialities. Since then it has progressed far enough to be the premier Port of Kathiawar and Scindias share in this progress has kept pace. I send best wishes to your Company and hope it to grow in service and prosperity."

Message from Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Dewan of Baroda.

"I have much pleasure in sending to the Scindia Company the good wishes of His Highness' Government on the occasion of the opening of the new building and the completion by the Company of twenty years of its existence during which it has rendered valuable service to the country. His Highness' Government desire specially to acknowledge the part played by the Scindia Company in the development of the Okha port. They wish the Company many more years of usefulness."

Message from Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K.C.S.I., Dewan of Travancore:

" . . I send my sincere congratulations and good wishes to you as the Chairman and to your colleagues on the Directorate of the Scindia Company.

Your Company has succeeded in launching an important nation-building venture amidst many obstacles and difficulties. Apart from your service to India as a whole, the Travancore State is greatly interested in the further success and prosperity of your enterprise which has been of the greatest possible assistance to the export trade of the State.

I am gratified to learn that the bust of the Company's founder and the great pioneer of national shipping, Mr. Narottam Morarjee, who was my very good friend is to be unveiled on the occasion."

Message from Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E., Dewan of Cochin.

"On the occasion of the opening ceremony of the new building of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company I have great pleasure in sending my personal good wishes and the good wishes of the Cochin Government. As one of the important Maritime States of India Cochin is greatly interested in the progress of an indigenous steamship company like the Scindia. The achievements of the Company during the last 20 years in spite of struggles and handicaps that it had to face are indeed worthy of note. Both the public and the Directors of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company have considered this concern as a national one and I sincerely hope that in the years to come the Company will fulfil in a worthy manner the great service that it has undertaken. I wish all success and prosperity to the Company."

Message from The Right Hon'ble Sir Akbar Hydari, Knight, P.C., President, Executive Council, H.E.H. The Nizam's State, Hyderabad (Deccan).

"Offer my sincerest wishes and hearty congratulations on the opening of Scindia House which marks the completion of twenty years career of Scindia Steam Navigation in the course of which by dint of foresight, energy and perseverance the first Indian National Company has won an established position for itself in Indian Shipping."

Message from His Highness Sir Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G. C. S. I., G. B. E., Maharaja of Mysore.

" * * His Highness is very pleased to know of the honour and recognition that is being paid to the founder and wishes the ceremony every success."

Message from His Highness Nawab Iftikharul - Mulk Mohammad Hamidullah Khan Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.V.O., Nawab of Bhopal.

"His Highness the Ruler of Bhopal takes the opportunity afforded by the opening of Scindia House to send his congratulations to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company on its successful emergence from its early struggles and difficulties. He feels sure that the fixity of purpose, perseverance and tenacity which have carried the Company through many critical times, will continue to inspire its management, to the lasting benefit of Indian shipping and the trade of India."

Message from His Highness Maharana Shri Daulatsingji, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., Thakore Saheb of Limdi.

"I offer my hearty congratulations to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company on the completion of 20 years of its career and the opening ceremony of the Scindia House new building. I have watched with great interest and deep concern the various stages through which it has passed and have felt happy at its progress and sorrow at its set-backs. I have always associated myself with its varying fortunes, because it is a great national venture which has to struggle its way against tremendous odds, and is an industry which has vast possibilities in a country like India. I am confident of its bright and prosperous future as it is guided by a veteran industrialist like my valued friend Mr. Walchand Hirachand. His is a personality and a character which is a guarantee for success in any field of activity. I congratulate the company more for its having Mr. Walchand at the helm of its affairs than on anything else. It is comparatively easy to collect capital and resources for a concern like this, but its ultimate success entirely depends on the person who guides it.

This occasion awakens in me the happy memory of my late-lamented friend Narottam Morarji whom I regarded more as a brother than a friend. He took deep interest in the promotion of this venture and I feel that he showers his blessings from heaven on the fruition of his labours."

Message from His Highness Maharaja Sir Hari Singh, Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir:

"Congratulations on Scindia Steam Navigation Company completing twenty years of successful working and his best wishes for the Company's continued progress and prosperity."

Message from Lt.-Colonel His Highness Nawab Shri Taley Mohammed Khan Bahadur, G. C. I. E., K. C. V. O., A. D. C., Nawabsaheb of Palanpur.

" * * It gives me the greatest pleasure and happiness now to hasten to send my warmest congratulations to you as Chairman of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company on the splendid success achieved by the Company in the cause of national shipping and I sincerely hope and trust there is a still greater future for the Company and for India in this line. All my warmest felicitations and good wishes for a very bright and happy future and if my humble message can be of any use, I send you my wholehearted support in this noble and national enterprise.

Best luck and my grateful thanks."

Message from The Hon'ble Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, Bombay.

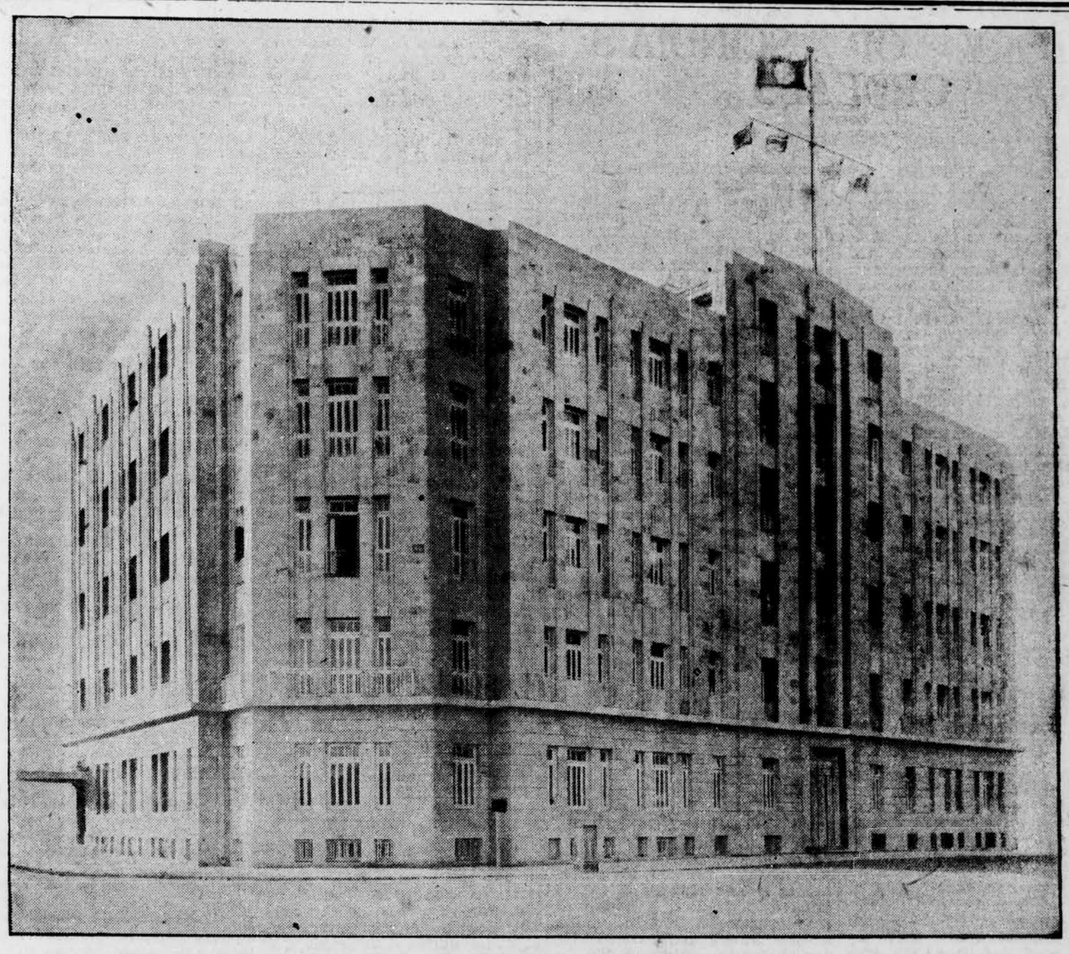
"Wish opening ceremony of Scindia House and unveiling of Sheth Narottam's statue all success".

Message from The Hon'ble Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Premier, Assam.

"Kindly accept my best wishes for Scindia Steam Navigation Company's great success in greater shipping venture reviving glory of ancient Hindusthan."

Message from The Hon'ble Mr. Shri Krishna Sinha, Prime Minister, Bihar.

"May India's past glory in shipping be revived under your auspices. May this function recall India's great traditions of past supremacy on seas."



Scindia House, the new home of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, which was opened by Sardar Vallabhbhai on Friday.

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whom they had treated like cattle in the past, they should give an undertaking that even after the Scindias withdrew from the trade, they would continue to charge the same low rate of Rs. 22 for the next 25 years. But this was not to be for as soon as the Scindias were squeezed out of this traffic, the fares would be immediately raised by the monopolistic British concern. I repeat the message of sympathy and goodwill, which Sardar Vallabhbhai has conveyed to the Scindias on behalf of the Indian National Congress and wish it all success in the future."

Sjt. Bhulabhai then pressed the button and unveiled the statue of Seth Narottam and the guests were then treated to light refreshments after which they went round the imposing new edifice of the Scindia Company

At a General meeting of the Marwari Trades Association, Calcutta, held on the 18th instant, the following office-bearers were elected for the next year:—President—Sjt. Dipchandji Poddar, Vice-President—Sjt. Tulsiram Saraogi, Vice-President—Sjt. Radhakrishna Nevatia, Genl. Secretary—Sjt. Dharamchand Saraogi.

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the Company's flag in the Burmese waters in January 1921 and lifted 6,400 tons of rice in a record period of less than 3 days. This created a great sensation at that time and the vested British shipping interests, true to their past traditions, threatened the Company with dire consequences if they persisted in their efforts. Nobody could dare to serve cargo to our ships. The hold of the deferred rebate system on the shippers was so great that in spite of their great sympathy towards this national enterprise, they fould themselves helpless in extending their patronage to its ships. There was, however, one great merchant prince whose personality, courage and patriotism enabled him even in those days when the British shipping interests were all powerful to defy and break the rigorous fetters of the deferred rebate system and extend his patronage to the ships of this company and thus challenge the monopoly of the foreigners in the home waters of Indians. Sir Abdul Karim Jamal was a man of foresight and vision and not only did his patronage at the most crucial moment in the history of the Scindia Company enable it to keep its flag flying in the Burmese waters, but his courageous and determined action enabled it to open a new and glorious chapter in the history of national shipping and invest it with a new dignity and inspiring outlook. Throughout the year 1921, Sir Abdul Karim Jamal alone filled the ships of the Scindia Company and served them with more than a lac of tons of rice as cargo and thus helped it in stabilising its position in Indian waters. When the history of Indian shipping comes to be written, the name of Sir Abdul Karim Jamal will find an honourable place amongst the pioneer patrons and saviours of the company who enabled it to fight for its very existence.

RIGOURS OF RATE WAR

This good fortune of the Company, however, did not last long. There was a financial crisis in Burma in 1921 and the Scindia Company was consequently left without a patron who could fill its ships. Some timber merchants of Moulmein and some small shippers of rice did come to the help of the Company, but they could not fill its ships. Moreover, the rigours of the rate war were daily increasing in their intensity, particularly for the ports where we began to serve and the Company was losing heavily month after month. The rate of freight of Rs. 18 per ton on rice from Rangoon to Bombay was brought down to Rs. 6 per ton by the British India Steam Navigation Company. The outlook was gloomy We, however, did not lose heart, but took the bold decision of starting a Subsidiary Company which could buy and sell rice on its own account for the purpose of supplying cargo to the ships of the Company. Narottam Ltd., was thus formed and registered in 1922. We began to carry rice in large quantities to Bombay as well as to ports which were not hitherto served by the foreign monopolistic ships. We sold rice for Bhavnagar, for Panjim, for Marmagoa and for other ports, the requirements of which were usually supplied from Bombay. This unusual and courageous action on the part of the Company diverted the channels of trade, diminished the number of constituents of leading shippers and reduced their profits. They tried for a time their best to boycott the goods sold by Narottam Ltd. Human nature, however, triumphed in the end and Narottam Ltd., continued to hold its own in the rice market of Bombay. The Company was losing very heavily, but was sowing the seeds of its own future stability. While it had raised only a lac of tons in 1921, it was able to carry double that quantity in 1922. The shippers fortunately realised that both in the interests of their own national shipping as well as in the interests of their trade it was imperative that the foreign interests should make peace with this great national institution. They waited in a deputation on those who had the power to make peace, but who were carrying on a strangling rate war against this Company, and made them realise that the days of their monopoly were numbered. A typical instance of the Scottish mentality of the British India Company and the doggedness with which they were determined to crush this national enterprise comes to my mind at this moment. In March 1922 there was drastic competition for lifting cargo from Rangoon to Colombo. The B. I. had reduced the rate of freight first from Rs. 18 to Rs. 12 and then from Rs. 12 to Rs. 6 per ton. One of our Directors, the late Sir Lalubhai Samaldas was at Delhi at that time. We informed him fully by wire of the nature of the rate war. Sir Lalubhai showed that telegram to Sir Arthur Froom, one of the Bombay Partners of the P. and O. Company, who replied: "There was nothing unusual in this". He further added "Mr. Lalubhai why should we waste our time in considering this. Let such trifling matters be dealt with by our offices". A rate war where the original rate was brought down from Rs. 18 to Rs. 6 was indeed a trifling matter for the B. I. with the resources of crores which they had built up from their trade with India, but it was a question of life and death with this new national enterprise in the early years of its existence. Six months later, i.e., in September 1922, Sir Arthur Froom himself enquired of Mr. Lalubhai in Simla "Mr. Lalubhai, how is your Scindia Company getting on?" Mr. Lalubhai replied "You do not wish us to exist. The policy of the B. I. is to kill all Indian shipping companies". Sir Arthur Froom observed "No, Mr. Lalubhai, that is not so. Yours is the only bona-fide swadeshi attempt in shipping. We do not wish to kill this Company. I wish to talk to you on this subject. When shall we meet?" Wisdom seemed to have dawned. The manner in which the Company had stood against the severe rate war in 1921 and 1922 and the courageous action of combining shipping and trading, which had enabled it to fill its boats, had its own effect even on the Scottish doggedness of the British India Company and it seemed that they were beginning to realise that they had found a rival worthy of their steel. This courageous and determined stand of the Company in the Burmese waters and the patriotic action of the shippers in urging upon the B. I. to make peace with the Scindia Company led to the opening of the negotiations for a settlement between the two Companies.

INCHCAPE'S OFFER SPURNED

Lord Inchcape who had come to India as the Chairman of the Retrenchment Committee had the reputation of an extremely hard bargainer. At the very first interview, when Sir (then Mr.) Lalubhai Samaldas met Lord Inchcape at Delhi, His Lordship told him "if your Directors are prepared to sell your Company by accepting the Second Preference Shares of the B. I. of the nominal amount equivalent to the present market value of the shares, I shall recommend my colleagues on the Board to buy your Company. This is the utmost that I can do." Although the Company was losing heavily, the Board of Directors used rare foresight and decided that "no proposal which affects the existence or the individuality of the Scindia Company as an Indian shipping concern or the Indian shipping interests in general shall be acceptable. They declined to consider Lord Inchcape's proposal to sell the Company." During the subsequent conversations that took place be-

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tween us and Lord Inchcape we made it clear to him that under no circumstances we would sell the Scindia Company to him and maintained that we had the right to run our own steamers on the coast of our own motherland. Lord Inchcape rejoined "motherland! whose motherland? We are all children of the British Empire and we have as much right to come to the shores of this country as you. As long as the British Empire will last, there is no power on earth that can prevent us from coming here." This showed Lord Inchcape in his true form. He then renewed his offer by making it as tempting as possible so that in effect the shareholders of the Scindia Company would earn a premium of a crore of rupees on the market value of their shares and even the Agents and the Directors would receive a substantial benefit under the proposed arrangement. The net result of his new proposal, however, was that we should sell our Company to Lord Inchcape.

Sheth Narottam Morarjee, the Chairman of the Company placed this proposal before an informal meeting of the leading shareholders and told them "it is not for me to say whether you should look at the question from the view point of immediate personal gain or whether you should give your serious thought to the far-reaching effect which your step in selling your company will have on the industrial life of the nation. It is for you to rise equal to the occasion and decide the step that you should take." The shareholders rose equal to the occasion. Not only did they unceremoniously turn down the offer of Lord Inchcape to buy the Scindia Company, but on the contrary they assured Sheth Narottam that they would be prepared to undergo further sacrifices, if necessary, to prevent Lord Inchcape from killing this national enterprise and urged upon him to keep the Company and its entity fully alive as an integral part of Indian shipping. The grim determination, the abiding patriotism and the continuous self-sacrifice with which the shareholders of the Scindia Company who had lost and were losing their fortune stood by the national cause at the most critical moment in the life of this Company will always remain as one of the most memorable and patriotic chapters in the history of the joint stock enterprise in India. My heart bows down before them in all humility and I proffer them my grateful thanks for the sacrifices they made, the support they gave, the foresight they showed for enabling the Company to live and in fulness of time to grow and prosper as a great national institution of India.

Negotiations, however, continued and peace was ultimately established on the 14th March 1923 but at a price which none of us could relish. Although the Company had berthed over 50 steamers in the Bombay/U.K. trade, its operations under the new arrangement had to be confined only to the coastal trade of India, Burma and Ceylon. The Company was also not to carry a single passenger even in its own home waters. Moreover, although its existing fleet was not able to cope with even a few services on the coast, it could not be increased by more than seven steamers during a period of ten years, thus averaging not even one steamer per year. It was, therefore, difficult for the Company either to meet the requirements of all the ports or to maintain its services on the coast. It, however, did its best to serve the shippers and the trades despite the limitations and restrictions under which it had to work. We have often been criticised for signing such a humiliating and one-sided agreement with the B. I. Our critics, however, forgot that with the continued depletion of our very limited resources and without a single gesture of active sympathy from the Government of India—to say nothing of any useful support from that quarter—it was the only practical course which the Company could have adopted to preserve its existence and maintain its individuality.

NEW HANDICAPS

New handicaps and fresh difficulties however, had to be faced. Although our ships had the highest reputation with the underwaters and although they were classed as 100-A.1 at Lloyds, they were treated as second and third class ships by the Insurance Companies in India. This naturally increased the amount of insurance premium which the shippers had to pay on the cargo carried by our ships. They, therefore, hesitated to book freely their cargo with us which considerably added to our difficulties at that time. The only justification for this ugly discrimination between the treatment given to our rivals and the treatment given to ourselves could only be found in the difference in the pigment under the skin of those who managed this national institution. We did not, however, allow the grass to grow under our feet. We assured the shippers that we would insure their cargo and continued to do so. This bold action on our part brought about a healthy change in the attitude of the Insurance Companies and our ships were ultimately recognised by them as first class ships.

After the signing of the agreement with the B.I., the Company began to work as a member of the Indian Coastal Conference, but the period of depression which followed in the world of shipping and the limitations under which the Company had to carry on its work did not enable it to prosper as it should have done. It was, however, fortunate enough to retain and consolidate the goodwill and the patronage of the shippers and as its services grew and as its power increased, it became in the words of the shippers of Karachi, "responsible for the increasing consideration and respect with which the Indian shippers are now being treated by the foreign shipping concerns."

IDEAL OF INDIANISATION

Indianisation of its services both ashore and afloat has been the ideal which the Company has steadily and actively pursued from its very start. It has trained Indians to manage its offices and it has appointed Indians as Agents to look after its affairs at different ports. It is a matter of deep satisfaction that its entire services ashore are manned today by Indians only and it is a piece of rare good fortune that it has been able to secure capable Indians as its technical advisers ashore both as Marine Superintendents and as Superintending Engineers.

As remarked by Lord Irwin, the Company has always been anxious to see "that India should have its Mercantile Marine and that the ships of that Mercantile Marine should be officered as well as manned by Indians". There were practically no opportunities for Indians even to qualify themselves for becoming Officers and Engineers and there were no shipping companies who would employ them as such Officers and Engineers on their ships. It is an irony of fate that while India continued to import outsiders to mann its different services, it provided no facilities and gave no opportunities to Indians themselves to mann these services. We, therefore, began to take apprentices on our ships soon after they began to ply on the Indian coast and gave them the necessary facilities and opportunities to become qualified in due course. As you are all aware, the Indian Mercantile Marine Training Ship "Dufferin" was established in the Bombay Harbour in 1927 years after we began to train Indians for career at sea. Moreover, it is this Company which has given employment to 61, the largest number of its duly qualified cadets as Officers on its steamers. Not only has the Company, therefore, helped and helped effectively the solution of the thorny question of the employment of the duly qualified cadets of the Training Ship "Dufferin" up to now which has always caused anxiety both to the members of the Governing Body and to the public at large but it has also sent a number of these Officers and Engineers at its own expense to England to enable them to receive their higher certificates of competency. The Company has, therefore, done and will continue to do all it can to build up an efficient Indian personnel for service at sea.

The Company has always kept a vigilant eye and has put forth a strenuous fight to secure for these cadets opportunities for entering into all avenues of employment to enable them to pursue a fruitful career. The Bengal Pilot Service which was a close preserve of the foreigners is now thrown open to the cadets of the "Dufferin" and it is a matter of satisfaction that in spite of the selfish cry of the shipping on the Hooghly being in danger emanating from interested quarters, Indian cadets can now claim—thanks to the patriotic efforts of Sir Joseph Bhore—entry into that service as a matter of right.

ROMANTIC CHAPTER

The efforts which the Company put forth in providing facilities for Indians to become Wireless Operators at sea from a romantic chapter in the history of Indianisation of its sea services and illustrate the serious difficulties which Indians have to face in obtaining employment in their own country. No facilities existed in this country up till 1926 to enable Indians to receive training in the art and science of Marine Wireless Telegraphy and thus become Wireless Operators. It was the persistent efforts and the great influence of the late Sheth Narottam Morarji that led the Government of India to agree to open a class in Calcutta, for training young Indians as Wireless Operators upto the standard of Director General's certificate of competency upto 1st class. The Company selected students for this training from all parts of India and gave them training at its own expense. The Government, however, provided no facilities for enabling the successful students to obtain sea experience without which they could not be appointed on ships as Wireless Operators. No British ship would give an Indian the sea experience which was quite essential if they had to be put in charge of the Wireless installation on a ship. We wrote to the Director of the Royal Indian Marine and requested him to give facilities to these successful students to receive the necessary sea experience on his vessels but we regret to say that he declined to give them any facilities in this matter. The Operators serving already on our ships belonged to the Union of Wireless Operators and were jealous of their preserve. They would not allow any outsider, much less an Indian to be a Wireless Operator. These difficulties were however surmounted and you will be happy to learn that not only is the Wireless installation of every ship of the Company now in charge of an Indian as Wireless Operator, but the Company has also supplied Indians as Wireless Operators to the other Indian ships trading on the coast.

GOVT. APATHY

I have tried to give you some idea of the grave difficulties which we had to surmount and the constructive work which we did in the early years of the Company. The attitude of the Government of India during these years of death-like struggle forms one of the most inglorious chapters in the history of national shipping. War had developed a spirit of active economic nationalism and every important maritime country in the world had done and was doing everything in its power by active financial and other means of assistance to develop and expand its own Mercantile Marine. Moreover, the coastal trade of all these countries was reserved to national ships. National shipping had come to be recognised as a great instrument of national policy for enriching a country's economic life and developing its political power. National shipping had thus become a matter of special concern with every country having a maritime trade. India alone, however, had the most galling distinction of remaining absolutely unmoved by an unconcerned with the fate of its own shipping enterprise at a time when it required immediate protection and active help because neither has it a Government which is Indian nor is it one which works for India.

The continuous and universal demand in the country, both inside and outside the Legislature, for a national mercantile marine, compelled, however, the Government of India, despite its utter indifference to appoint the Indian Mercantile Marine Committee to consider the problems of Indian shipping. One of the most important recommendations of that Committee was "that eventual reservation of the Indian coasting trade for ships, the ownership and the controlling interests in which are predominantly Indian." Not only was this recommendation completely ignored by the Government of India, but when the non-official members in the Legislative Assembly pressed them to translate it into action, its usual spirit of apathy and indifference was replaced by a new and studied policy of hostility against the aspirations of this country. Although the principle of the reservation of the coastal trade to national ships was universally recognised by all the maritime countries of the world, Sir Charles Innes, the then Commerce Member of the Government of India, considered it an act of expropriation and saw in it the policy of flag discrimination, although the International Shipping Conference itself had recognised that the coastal trade of a country was its domestic preserve in which foreign shipping could not enter as a matter of right. The country, however, was determined to reserve its coastal trade to its national ships. Mr. K. C. Neogy sent notice for the introduction of his Coastal Reservation Bill in the Legislative Assembly but had to withdraw it because the Government of India were not able to get the opinion of the Crown Lawyers whether the Bill contravened Sec. 736-B of the British Merchant Shipping Act or not. Mr. Haji, however, was more fortunate than Mr Neogy and as the Crown Lawyers had pronounced that the Bill was 'intra vires' of the Indian Legislature, he was able to introduce it in the Legislative Assembly. It was opposed tooth and nail by the Government of India. The rising tide of patriotic fervour, the growing spirit of political independence and the stimulating urge of economic nationalism, won, however, a magnificent victory for the cause of national shipping in the Legislative Assembly and the principle of the Coastal Reservation Bill was accepted by it by an unusually overwhelming majority. The Bill was referred to a Select Committee for report. This was a complete triumph of public opinion and showed the grim determination of India to break the shackles of its economic bondage.

The Report of the Select Committee was to be presented to the Legislative Assembly in September, 1929. The policy of active hostility of Sir Charles Innes, however, had lost its vigour and the hope inspiring promises and well-enunciated assurances of Lord Irwin were beginning to revive the lost faith of the leaders in the 'bona fides' of the Government of India. Lord Irwin was anxious to find a solution of the question of Coastal Reservation "in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill" and was ready to utilise the good offices of the Government of India for securing "an adequate participation of Indian shipping in the coastal and overseas trade of India." Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas drew forth the enunciation of this policy of the Government of India from Sir George Rainy by a short notice question in the Legislative Assembly. No doubt he did so with the best of intentions to help the cause of national shipping, but I was against the implication of this new move of the Government of India, as I had no faith in the efficacy of this policy of "negotiations, co-operation and goodwill." The further stage of the progress of the Coastal Reservation Bill was postponed for a time and an opportunity was given to Lord Irwin to call a Shipping Conference in January 1930 for the solution of the problems connected with development of an Indian Mercantile Marine.

CONFERENCE DEADLOCK

This Shipping Conference was a complete failure because the vested British shipping interests adopted an attitude of practical non-co-operation from the very start and refused even to discuss the questions raised by Lord Irwin for promoting the cause of Indian shipping. After the Conference was broken up, the Government of India, themselves announced that it would be their responsibility for taking the necessary steps for securing an adequate participation of Indian shipping in the coastal and overseas trade of India.

The political atmosphere of the country, however, underwent a tremendous change during the years that followed the failure of the Conference and the Government of India did not do or perhaps felt themselves quite helpless to do anything to redeem their promises and assurances for helping the cause of national shipping. Even the policy of sympathetic inaction of Sir George Rainy did not lend itself to any expression of further hope and all the previous promises and assurances of the Government of India for helping the cause of national shipping was thrown into the melting pot of the coming constitutional changes. Mr. Haji's Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, was once again circulated for eliciting public opinion. Mr. Haji, however, in view of the political conditions in the country, resigned his Membership of the Legislative Assembly. The Coastal Bill, therefore, lapsed with the dissolution of the Assembly.

Later attempts to introduce the Bill in the new Assembly that followed met with immense difficulties. Even the policy of sympathetic inaction of Sir George Rainy no longer held the field and the new doctrine of constitutional bankruptcy was thrown brutally into our face in all its nakedness. New and vigorous fetters which have been forged for Indian shipping and fresh and unjust advantages which have been bestowed upon British shipping under the new constitution make it impossible now to enact a measure, which the Government of India could have done under the old Constitution, for the reservation of the coastal trade of India to Indian shipping, a trade which has been reserved by practically all the maritime countries of the world to their own nationals. Even the little power which India enjoyed to help its national shipping in the past is now taken away from it and India now has to depend entirely upon its own people and evolve its own political strength to develop its own mercantile marine.

JAPANESE COMPETITION

In the meantime, shipping throughout the world was passing through a crisis. The attitude of the B. I. was stiffening. It is true that the Scindia and the B I. were working as a Conference, but there was such a scramble for cargo that conditions of unhealthy competition and concealed rate war soon established themselves in the trade. As if this was not sufficient to weaken our financial position the Japanese shipping companies continued to offer their tonnage at extremely low and uneconomic rates so that the basic rate went down by nearly 30 per cent. Such an inroad by foreign shipping is only possible in the coastal trade of India as it is open to all flags. The Company was again passing through anxious time. The B.I. also wanted to crush the four Small Steamship Companies which had been carrying on their small trade on the West Coast of India. That Company wanted us to join it in waging a rate war against the shipping enterprise of these national concerns. We naturally could not be a party to the anti-Indian game of the vested British shipping interests to crush once again our national endeavours to build up our own mercantile marine. We had therefore to impose on us the self-denying ordinance and to practically withdraw from the trade which was served by these small national shipping companies and this withdrawal deprived us of a substantial income which we were deriving from that trade.

As the period of our first agreement was coming to its end our financial resources were growing weaker and weaker as a result of the circumstances mentioned above. It was however fortunate circumstance that Sir Joseph Bhore was the Commerce Member of the Government of India at the time when the agreement between the Scindia and the B.I. came up for renewal. It was after protracted negotiations and as a result of the good offices of Sir Joseph Bhore that a new agreement was signed, but it is painful to reflect that even the little advance that was made in our position was considered as "concessions" to us by the other side. For the foreigners thus to patronise us with their so-called "concessions" for allowing us to ply our ships in our own home waters, which we like the nationals of other maritime countries of the world, claim as our right and freedom to do, is a matter which wounds our pride and hurts our sense of self-respect. I hope you will bear with me if I quote from the speech which I made after the Agreement was signed, because it will give you the correct picture of what the renewal of the agreement meant for national shipping.

"While I am conscious of the circumstances, beyond our control, which necessitated the making of the arrangement referred to above, in the interests of the Scindia Company and the immediate interest of Indian shipping and while I appreciate the efforts in high quarters in smoothening the course of negotiations which led to this working arrangement, I must candidly confess that while it has laid deeper the foundations of the vested interests of British shipping on the coast and given an opportunity to new British tonnage to ply thereon, it has not provided and is not likely to provide for even an adequate participation of Indian shipping and that too in the coastal trade of India, which even the Government themselves are anxious to see. The position as regards the overseas trade remains as it has been in the past, that is practically a closed field to Indian shipping and I wonder how the Government propose to effectively translate into practice their oft expressed desire for providing an adequate participation of Indian shipping also in the overseas trade of this country."

It is now over eight years since the Government themselves announced their policy that it would be their responsibility to secure for Indian shipping an adequate share in the overseas trade of India and it is therefore most painful to reflect that not a single step has been taken by them in that direction as yet.

SCINDIA TO RESCUE

Let me turn away for a moment from the disconcerting features of this uninviting picture and draw your attention to an event of more than usual interest which took place at that time in the world of shipping. The Bengal Burma Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. which consisted of patriotic shareholders, who had kept its flag flying, despite the severe strangling rate war waged against it on the Rangoon-Chittagong run by the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was passing through a terrible crisis. Its resources were completely depleted. It had to decide and to decide quickly whether it should sell itself to the B. I. or to go completely out of existence. Everything was almost settled and the company was on the eve of being compelled to pass into the hands of the Britishers. Mr. Abdul Baree Chowdry, who had the nerve of steel to fight the British vested shipping interests and who had fought them for a generation, came to see me a little before midnight at Calcutta, and appealed to me that the Scindia Company should give and give immediately a substantial financial help which the Bengal Burma needed, otherwise the Company would pass into the hands of the foreigners the next morning. He told me plainly that if the Scindia Company were not to go to the help of this Indian organisation, which had kept the flag of national shipping flying against the onslaughts of the B.I., it would give a serious set-back to the development of an Indian Mercantile Marine. I had to decide quickly and did so. I agreed to recommend Mr. Baree's proposal to my colleagues on Board. This gave him new hope and new courage and he went away just a little after midnight with decided determination to fight further battles in the interests of Indian shipping. Not only did the Scindia Company by its timely financial help enable the Bengal Burma to avert the impending crisis, but also secured for it an honourable arrangement with the B. I. for their service on the Rangoon-Chittagong run. The Bengal Burma, thus became the first Indian Company which carried mails on the Indian Coast. When I look back upon this timely help which the Scindia Company gave to a sister Indian shipping concern at a critical moment in its life, you will pardon me if I were to claim that the Scindia Company has thereby established its title to be called a national institution. It is an integral part of national shipping and has always done its best whenever opportunities have presented themselves to save other Indian shipping companies from being crushed by the foreign interests or by interests under the management of foreigners. The manner in which it saved the Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trading Co., Ltd., from going out of existence is so fresh in your mind that I shall not make any further reference to it on this occasion. Our policy has been to work in harmonious co-operation with Swadeshi Indian Shipping concerns who will not join hands with the alien interests, but will stand by and work for the Indian interests alone so that we all together, inspired by a common national policy, present an united front against the machinations and the harmful activities of the non-Indian interests and thereby build up the future Indian Mercantile Marine for the economic regeneration of a free India.

You all know that national shipping means shipping owned, controlled and managed by Indians themselves. The Scindia Company is a national concern and has been looked upon as a national institution. It is swadeshi in every respect. Mahatma Gandhi has stated "that only those concerns can be regarded as swadeshi whose control, direction and management either by a Managing Director or by Managing Agents are in Indian hands". The Working Committee of the Congress have endorsed this definition and have made it clear that "the development of India's resources should be achieved by the building up industries under the control, direction and management of Indians which is essential for India's economic Independence." May I add in all humility that our work and our endeavours are inspired by the lofty message which is contained in these unequivocal declarations of our national policy?

RATE WAR AGAIN

I have already referred to my feelings about the renewal of our last agreement with the B. I. A rate-war of unusual intensity was waged by the Asiatic Steam Navigation Co., on the coast after that agreement was made. The rate was brought down to Rs. 1/8 per ton from Rangoon to Bombay. This naturally caused serious anxiety to the Directors of the Company. I was specially requested by them to proceed to London to discuss the various problems that arose out of the deadlock created by the secession of the Asiatic from the Conference. My visit however did not throw any light on the differences that existed between the two shipping companies, the B. I. and the Asiatic, which had worked in peace for years past. Fortunately for India Sir Joseph Bhore happened to be the Commerce Member of the Government of India at that time. The serious implication of the secession of the Asiatic from the Conference and the far-reaching effect of the rigorous rate-war that was being carried on the coast were fully explained to him and I hope I am not breaking any confidence in stating that the strong representation which he made to the proper quarters and the indication which he gave of the proposed determined action led the Asiatic and the B. I. to make up their difference in November, 1934. The rate-war came to an end but its tendency to keep the rates at a comparatively uneconomic level continued for a long time to come. This no doubt had its effect on the working of the Company during that period.

The four Small Steamship Companies on the West Coast were, however, struggling for their very existence. I was anxious to see that they were not wiped out of the Coast by the policy which the B. I. was anxious to implement. I presented their case to the Commerce Member. I waited on Lord Willingdon in a deputation with the members of these Small Steamship Companies and pleaded their cause. I went to London and urged upon the Chairman of the B. I. not to persist in their policy of annihilating these Indian Companies but persuaded him to refer the entire question of the trade on the Western Coast to the arbitration of the Commerce Member of the Government of India. It was after protracted negotiations with the B. I. and several interviews with the Commerce Member that I succeeded in my endeavour to make all these shipping companies agree to refer the matter to the arbitration of Sir Joseph Bhore and abide by his Award. A Shipping Conference was convened by Sir Joseph Bhore in 1935 and the Award which he gave enabled the Small Steamship Companies not only to preserve their existence but also to secure 85 per cent of the trade between certain ports on the West Coast which they had built up and the peculiar needs which they were well able to meet. This was the first triumph of the first Indian Commerce Member. It was the first practical recognition by the Government of India of the right of national shipping companies to exist and grow in their own waters.

ONLY A FRINGE

I do not wish to take more of your time with the story of our struggles. Shipping is the only important industry which receives not the slightest protection from the Government of the country. It is, however, the active support of the public and the continuous goodwill of the shippers which have enabled us to pass successfully through the several struggles that were inflicted upon us. It is some satisfaction that while we began with the carriage of a lac of tons of cargo on the coast twenty years ago, we were fortunate in carrying a little over 11 lacs of tons on the coast last year, but I want you to remember that with all these struggles and all these efforts Indian shipping has not secured even 20 per cent. of its share of cargo or 8 per cent. of its share of the passenger traffic on the coast. While barring the recent efforts which we have made of serving the Haj traffic, Indian shipping has no place whatsoever in the vast overseas maritime trade of the country. Even in this Haj traffic, a traffic which Indians can rightly claim as their own as it emanates from India, terminates in India and is concerned with the carriage of our Muslim brethren across the seas, the Mogul Line has been carrying on a severe rate-war against us. Although our entry into the Haj service has been welcomed by all and particularly by the Muslim leaders and the Port Haj Committees and the Haj pilgrims themselves and although they have urged upon the Government of India to see that our Company is not driven out of that field, it is a matter of deep regret that the Government of India have not taken any effective and practical steps to ensure our future position in that traffic and thus redeem, even to some extent, the promises which they have repeatedly given of securing an adequate share for the national shipping in the overseas trade of India. We cannot, therefore, minimise the seriousness of the struggle that lie ahead of us and if national shipping has to be built up, strenuous, vigorous and continuous efforts will have to be made.

The difficulties that lie in our path are, however, stupendous and overwhelming. While the Dominions have got the power under the Statute of Westminster to regulate their coasting trade as they like and have got the right to discriminate even against the ships of Great Britain, if they consider it necessary to do so, not only have we no power even to regulate our own coastal trade, but on the contrary our Government cannot even help us financially to enable us to stand against the oppression of our rivals. We cannot take any pride in the working of the so-called Empire Maritime policy, because while various burdens, obligations and duties have been imposed on us, in pursuance of that policy, every right, privilege and opportunity which will make India an effective maritime unit has been denied to. Apart, however, from the above Constitutional letters on the development of Indian shipping, even the policy of "negotiations, co-operation and goodwill" has miserably failed. We have not lost a single opportunity up to now in seeing the Secretaries of State, the Viceroys, the Commerce Members and all other authorities who can help us in furthering the cause of Indian shipping and we have always offered our earnest and active co-operation to all of them as well as to others in the solution of the problems connected with the building up of an effective Merchant Navy. But despite all our best endeavours and despite all our co-operation, the progress which Indian shipping has made is extremely disappointing and the position which it has now to face is really very serious. The Government cannot help us or do not help us and the policy of negotiations has been barren of any useful results. Such, in

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STORY OF SCINDIA'S ORDEALS

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short, is the situation which we have to face. We have got our plans for building our ships in our own country and we want to lay out our own shipbuilding yard for that purpose. We are anxious to start our own fast passenger service between India and Europe. We want also to have our due share in the overseas trade of India, so that apart from serving the trades of our country, we may also help her in her invisible exports. These are our dreams for the immediate future. The task that we have set before us is really a hard one but with the continuous support of the country in to regulate their coasting trade as the future as in the past and with faith in the justice of our cause we hope to expand our activities in various directions and thus contribute our share to the building up of an Indian Merchant Navy which will add to the great ness and glory of a free India of the future.

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Shriyut Bhulabhai, may I, on this occasion, request you to unveil the bust of the late Sheth Narottam Morarji, the Founder of the Scindia Company and the great pioneer of national shipping? As a captain of industry, his name will occupy an important place in the annals of India. As an employer of labour, his name will go down in history as one who did his best for promoting its welfare and for bringing the touch of humanity in its relation with its employers. His name will find a warm place in the hearts of his countrymen for the tact, courage, judgment and foresight with which he worked for the Scindia Company and thus served the cause of national shipping. His charming personality, his pleasing manners, his genial temper and his robust optimism inspired even his opponents with respect for his work. He was the Chairman of the Scindia Company from its very start and his grateful colleagues on the Board will never forget the great services which he has rendered in the development and progress of this Company. It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that his colleagues should decide that his bust should greet those entering the "SCINDIA HOUSE" and inspire them with the spirit of Indian shipping which he embodied. Shriyut Bhulabhai, may I, who had the privilege of coming into very close contact with Sheth Narottam ever since I first met him years ago in the Sholapur Mill, the pride of the textile industry, which he had built up, request you to unveil this memorable bust and thus join us in paying our sincere tribute to the services of this great pioneer of Indian shipping.

MEWAR SATYAGRAHA ARRESTS

The Secretary of the Mewar Praja Mandal, Bombay writes:—

The news received telegraphically from Jahajpur says that Mr. Muthuradas Vaidya who had been arrested previously on suspicion of being the worker of Mewar Prajahandal has been re-arrested at Deoli in British Territory. He has been brought to Jahajpur on foot and is reported to have been ill-treated by the authorities.

AZAD GOEL RE-ARRESTED.

Mr. Mistrilal Azad who was arrested previously on uttering slogans of Prajamandal, but was subsequently released has been re-arrested at a village named Pander.

Mr. Mulchand Vakil who was arrested on the 7th has been awarded eight months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 21 as fine, failing which one month's imprisonment more.

FOR ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION

It is understood that the next session of the Assembly will start in the first week of February 1939, when the Tenancy Bill, the Debt Relief Bill and the Shop Assistants Bill will come for discussion.

It is likely that the first two Bills will be referred to a Select Committee and there is little likelihood of their passing into law for two or three months to come.

In view of this the Small Holders' Act, is likely to be extended for a similar period.

Call To Retired Govt. Servants To Help Literacy Drive

(From Our Correspondent.)
PATNA.

The Education Minister has issued an appeal to-day requesting retired Government officials to help this campaign against mass illiteracy.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY DEBT REDEMPTION ASSOCIATION DHULIA.

Shankarappa H. Kanade, B.A., Shetkari Sevashram, Dhulia writes:—

"It is proposed to found Bombay Presidency Debt redemption Association with the following objects".

(1) to redeem the debt of agriculturists of the Presidency on the lines of Bhavnagar by the aid of Government. (2) to do anti-Loan propaganda by avoiding expensive marriages and funeral ceremonies, etc., (3) to settle the claims of the creditors and the debtors by arbitration or conciliation. (4) to undertake things by which the creditors and debtors will work on friendly terms.
friendly terms. (5) to co-operate with Government when it takes the debt redemption question in hand. Debtors and sympathisers with the debtors can be members of the Association.

COUNTESS FATMA JINDANI OF ZANZIBAR

(From A Correspondent)
ZANZIBAR, Dec. 12.

Countess Fatma Jindani, the wife of the Hon. Count Gulamhusein M. N. Jindani, M.L.C. of Zanzibar is leaving Zanzibar for Bombay on the 12th December by the s.s. Tairea. She will be the guest of Mr. Y. G. Allena of Warden Road, Bombay.

Countess Jindani is the sole woman member of H. H the Aga Khan's Supreme Council of Africa, she speaks good English and has travelled throughout Europe twice and Egypt and America once. Her husband, the Hon. Count Jindani is a very influential citizen of Zanzibar and is the biggest landlord of Zanzibar and Tanganyika, and the chairman of H. H. the Aga Khan's Executive Council for Africa and the Jubilee Insurance Company of Africa and has travelled to Europe and America several times.

X'MAS MELA COMMITTEE

During the Christmas week several functions are organized by the Christmas Mela Committee, Bombay. Dr. J. A. Collaco, has consented to preside at the Sport 'Mela' on Monday (26th inst.) at the St. Peter's Compound. Mrs. Collaco will distribute the prizes on the occasion.

The other functions are as under:—

(1) Musical Entertainment, to-day (Friday), at 8 p.m. at Nagpada Neighbourhood House Hall, Bombay.

(2) Variety Entertainment on Saturday, (24th inst.) at 8 p.m., at Nagpada Neighbourhood House Hall, Bombay.

(3) 'Bhajan' and 'Kavya Gayan, on Sunday, (25th inst.), at 8 p.m. at Nagpada Neighbourhood House Hall, Bombay.

M. R. FREE DISPENSARY

The number of new patients treated at the Mahomedbhoy Rahimtulla Free Dispensary at Sandhurst Road for the week ending 17th instant was 366; of these 223 were men and 143 women.

"POWER OF PRESS & WORLD PEACE"

Martha Root's Address

"The Nationalist Press in India is making worthy efforts for the uplift of Indian masses, socially, economically and politically and here in Bombay, "The Bombay Chronicle" and "The Sentinel" are rendering great services to the cause of the poor", observed Prof. P. G. Rao of the American College of Journalism, presiding over a meeting at Bahai Hall, on Friday evening

Miss Martha L. Root, the speaker of the evening delivered an address on the "Power of the Press and World Peace".

The speaker after narrating her varied early experiences as a journalist said that there were two ways of interviewing various important personages, the first being to have a direct talk and the second, to ask questions through a note. She preferred the second way.

Proceeding she said that she had taken to journalism with a view to spread the Bahai movement, which had for its aim the establishment of universal peace and harmony Press was a potent means of infusing knowledge far and wide and for unfolding the mysteries of the world. It should, therefore, help in guiding the public opinion along the road towards peace, equity and justice. At a time when the armament race in Europe was leading the world to the brink of another great war, it was of vital importance that the Press should endeavour to remove prejudices and bring about harmonious relations between hostile nations

The meeting came to an end after a vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker.

Too Petty Case For High Court

(From Our Correspondent).
THANA: Dec. 22.

Considering it to be a petty case and not of sufficient importance to be referred to the High Court, Mr. M. A. Bhave, Sessions Judge, Thana, dismissed yesterday the revision application filed by Haridas Lalji, a merchant of Kurla, against a conviction and sentence of fine of Rs. 15 passed by the First Class Magistrate, Kurla. Mr. R. K. Raje, under Sec. 193 of the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act inasmuch as the accused was alleged to have failed within a stipulated period to demolish a shed said to have been constructed by him without giving notice to the Kurla Municipality.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

Delegates elected by the Bombay Students' Union to the fourth session of the All-India Students' Conference, which will be held at Calcutta on the 31st Dec., 1st and 2nd January, will leave Bombay for Calcutta on the 26th inst. Those, who desire to attend the conference should submit their names to the Secretary, The Bombay Students' Union on or before the 24th inst.

BOMBAY HANDWORK EDUCATION SOCIETY

Mayor's Tributes To Students' Handicrafts

The opening ceremony of the work of the students of the Bombay Handwork Education Society was performed at the Girgaon Municipality Marathi Boys' School on Friday evening by Mr. Sultan M. Chinoy, the Mayor of Bombay.

Prof. V. G. Rao in his introductory remarks stated that the School was open to all boys and girls without any distinction, and free training was imparted in Carpentry, Tailoring, Drawing, Khadi Printing and allied vocations. This type of education got added importance in view of the recent report submitted by the Wardha and Joshi Committees. The work of the institute was recognised by the Government, and the All-India Educational Conference had invited them to send exhibits and also give demonstrations in the matter of "Graded Courses" in Handicraft.

The prizes were distributed and the Mayor paid a tribute to the selfless work of the Society, and said that institutes of this type went a long way in the solution of unemployment problem. He appealed to individuals and public bodies to help liberally in the matter.

SHRADDHANAND DAY IN BOMBAY

Shraddhanand anniversary was observed in Bombay at a public meeting held at Choupatty under the auspices of the Bombay Arya Samaj on Friday evening. Mahasha Kushalchand, editor of "Milap" presided.

Several of the delegates to the All-India Aryan Conference at Sholapur were present at the meeting and made speeches on the life and mission of the late Shraddhanand and the present grievances of Hindus in the Nizam State. Some Buddhist monks also attended the meeting. Mahasha Kushalchand said that Swami Shraddhanand throguh his supreme sacrifice had revivified Hinduism.

Mr. Anand Priya of Ahmedabad deplored the present state of the race of Bharat. While American missions were spending lakhs in their cause, the Hindus were oblivious to their own interests. Prof. Ramsingh, Editor of "Hindu", Delhi, said that more sacrifices on the part of Hindus were necessary if their cause were to advance.

Mr. Ranjitlal of the Kashmir Arya Samaj, Raja Narayanlalji and Bapu Kalicharan of U. P. also addressed the gathering.

At the close of the meeting a collection was made. About Rs. 70 were collected, Mr. L. P. Jagirdar contributing Rs. 50 and Mrs. Naza Mai Jamshedji Mehta alias Lala, a Parsi lady, contributing one pice as a token of sympathy for the cause. She also addressed the gathering.

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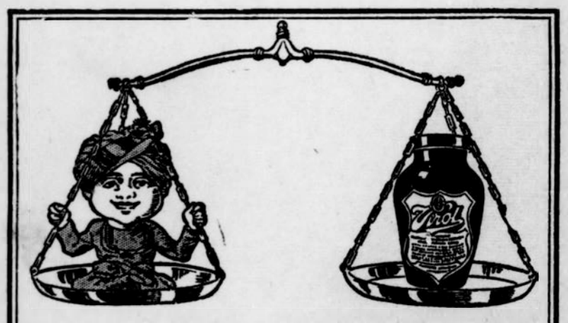

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Telegraph Workers' Demands

Union Holds Annual General Meeting

The eighteenth annual general meeting of the Bombay Presidency Telegraph Workmen's Union, was held in the Kshatriya Samaj Hall, Girgaon, on Sunday last, with Mr. S. H. Jhabvala, the Vice-President of the Union, in the chair.

The report of the working of the Union and the balance sheet for the year ending March, 1938, as passed by the auditors were passed. All the members of the old Managing Committee with the exception of Mr Harbansing from C.T.O. Group were re-elected and Mr. A. L. Naik was appointed in his place.

Mr. Jhabvala said that the Union had done its best to place before the authorities their grievances and get them redressed. He advised them to agitate ceaselessly to get the following demands as proposed by Mr. G.J. Mane, Secretary and seconded by Mr. Surve, Treasurer:—

"This meeting expresses its great disapproval of the attitude of the authorities in placing the Taskwork Telegraph Messengers in Inferior Service and thereby causing them loss in respect of pay, leave and pension and requests them that this invidious distinction should be removed forthwith by granting the Telegraph Messengers Superior Service and the other benefits derived by Postmen."

"The Taskwork Messengers demand the fixation of pay in the scale of 30-1-50 and in the event of it being approved of suggest that it should be granted with retrospective effect i.e. arrears by service."

"If however, the Government cannot sanction the above scale immediately this meeting requests the authorities to grant the men pension equal to half and average pay drawn by each Taskwork Messenger in place of the present pension of Rs. 8 per month."

"This meeting requests the authorities to fix the maximum period of pensionable service to 25 years and invalid to 20 years instead of 40 years and 25 years as at present.

"This meeting requests the authorities to sanction at least 10 per cent higher appointments above the grades of Taskwork Messengers viz. Munshi Clerks, Readers, and Jamadars. Copies of the above resolution were forwarded to the Higher Authorities. Mr. Mane and Advocate Surve also stressed the need of unity among the members and advised them to agitate ceaselessly for the betterment of the prospects."

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO RATNAGIRI

Address By Municipality

(From Our Correspondent.)

RATNAGIRI.

The Ratnagiri Municipal Borough has voted an address of welcome to the Hon. Mr. Kher on his visit to Ratnagiri on the 23rd instant, by a majority of 14 to 1. The only dissentient voice was a Muslim League member, with whom his other four Muslim colleagues in the Municipality did not join in opposing the address to the Premier!

CONGRESS WORKERS IN CONFERENCE AT MALWAN.

About a hundred Congress workers assembled at Malwan in the spacious Bungalow of the grand old man of Malwan, Mr. Bapu Saheb Samant. Mr. Rawool, Secretary of the Taluka Congress Committee welcomed the workers. Mr. Appasaheb Patwardhan was voted to the chair. Mr. Patwardhan in his speech dwelt on the necessity of organizing Congress workers and of creating mutual confidence among them. Untouchability, he said, was the poison which had travelled deep down to the core of our social mind, and it must be got rid of. Khadi was the link, he pointed out, which joined rich and poor, high and low, the educated and the illiterate. Just as every family liked to be independent about the food it ate, it should also be self-dependent about the clothes it wore.

Mr. Appasaheb Patwardhan has drawn up a new scheme of forming a Khaddar Sangh for the Ratnagiri District.

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCE.

The Ratnagiri District Youths Conference is to be held towards the end of December at Chiplun under the presidency of Mr. P. H. Patwardhan or Rao Saheb Patwardhan (as he is popularly known). All those between the ages of 16 and 40 are eligible to attend the Conference as 'Youths.' Hindu Muslim Unity is the first flank of the programme of the Conference.

BENGALI-BIHARI QUESTION

Rajen Babu Explains How He Took Nine Weeks To Submit Report

PATNA, Dec. 22.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad in a statement issued to the "Associated Press" regarding the Bengali-Bihari question said that non-publication of his report had been unfortunate and had led to much speculation and comments had been made stating that he took one year reporting on the matter.

"The fact, however, is that Mr. P. R. Das approached the Congress Working Committee for the first time towards the last week of March when it was meeting in Calcutta and it was in the first week of April that the Working Committee passed a resolution in general terms referring the matter to me without specifying the points to be considered. I found that press controversy has made it difficult for me to fix the points which I have been requested to deal with and I therefore asked for specific terms of reference which were given to me by a resolution of the Working Committee dated July 27. Thereafter, I met the parties concerned twice, once on August 22 and again on September 21 and prepared a report which was submitted to the President on October 2. It is thus clear that I did not take more than nine weeks in submitting the report from the date when specific terms of reference were given to me."

Proceeding Babu Rajendra Prasad says "The Working Committee did not find itself in a position to consider the report at its Delhi meeting where I submitted it. Thereafter unfortunately I again fell ill and could not attend the last meeting at Wardha. I had however written to the Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee intimating my inability to attend and suggesting that the Working Committee should consider the report and not postpone consideration on account of my absence. I understand the Working Committee did consider the report and did come to a tentative decision generally accepting it, but did not come to a final decision as it wanted one or two points to be cleared. These were referred to me and I join in the hope that the decision, when published will be acceptable to all the parties."—A. P.

Congress Delegate Election Activities In Suburbs

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE-PARLE.

Feverish activities are going on apace in the whole of the Suburban District in connection with the Suburban District Election of delegates to the ensuing session of Tripuri Congress.

A keen contest is expected in Vile Parle where four candidates are in the run for—two seats. Greatest contest will be witnessed at the Andheri-Versova Constituency where there are five candidates for only one seat.

BAN ON BOOKS LIFTED

The Government of Bombay have cancelled their orders declaring the following publications to be forfeited:—

"Mahatmajincha Pravas Athava Mithachi Mohim Povada" or "A ballad (on) Mahatmaji's travel or invasion on Salt", written by Gopal Ramchandra Sangoram and published by him at Nipani and printed by B. A. Sankershware and Sons at the (Shri) Vardhaman (Printing) Press, Nipani.

"Rashtriya Padyavali Prabhat Pherichi Gani Bhag 2 ra" or "A collection of national songs (songs for the morning round Part II)" (First edition), printed by A. J. Avde at the New Manohar Printing Press, Bombay, and published by Shrikant D. Palekar, Bombay.

"Nav Jivan Padyavali" or "A collection of songs of the new life," printed and published by R. V. Patil, at the R. P. Press, Bombay.

"Prabhat-pherichi Gitavali" or "A series of songs for the Morning Round", printed by P. N. Varde at the Maratha Printing Press, Bombay, and published by B. P. Samant at Bombay.

"Prabhat Pheri Padyavali, Bhag Pahila", (printed partly in Marathi and partly in Hindi), published by Dinanath Dattatraya Kekara at Belgaum and printed by K. R. Ambewadi for D. R. Thakur at the Tarun Bharat Press, Belgaum.

"Rashtriya Powada" or "The National Ballad" printed by Krishnaji Narayan Sampale at the Ramkrishna Printing Press, Bombay and published by Bhikaji Sakharam Gaikwad, at Bombay.

"Sangit Lanka Vidhwansa Natak" (i.e., "Musical drama of the destruction of Lanka") written by Ganesh Dhonddev Kane and printed at the Karnatak Press, Bombay.

Lahore Badshahi Mosque Funds

Meeting In Java: Indian Muslims Contribute

In response to the appeal made by the Committee formed in India under the distinguished leadership of His Highness the Aga Khan with the object of collecting Funds for the repairs, maintenance and upkeep of the Badshahi Mosque at Lahore, a meeting of the British Indian Moslems was recently held under the Presidentship of Mr. H. Mohamed of Messrs. Osman Ahmed and Co., in the premises of the Java Trunk Company at 28-A Buiten Tijgerstraat, Batavia.

At the instance of the President Mr. Amin gave a brief history and description of the Mosque, the details of the repairs to be made and of the generous assistance given by the Government of India by His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, by His Highness the Nawab of Junagadh and by other distinguished personages in India. He thanked the British Consul General of Batavia for his taking so keen an interest in forwarding the appeal to the local Indian Moslems.

The speech was then interpreted in Malay by Mr. Noor Mohamed Maricar for the benefit of the domiciled members of the Community, who also seemed to be keenly interested in the matter.

A strong Committee was formed with Mr. Yoosuf Akbani as a President.

Donations Promised

After the election was over Mr. Akbani, the President-elect of the Committee, Mr. H. Mohamed, the President of the meeting and Mr. Haque the official Head of the British Indian Community of Batavia made stirring speeches appealing to the audience to come forward to help the cause.

India, said Mr. Haque, is not a poor country and the people are not ungenerous. This is in fact a chance given to us by Providence to earn the blessings of God and we should not miss it.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. I. H. Taunton, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Sind, is placed on special duty in the Secretariat from 12th December 1938.

Mr. L. T. Gholap, Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance Department, is appointed officiating Secretary to Government, Home, General and Legal Departments, vice Mr. M. D. Bhat.

Mr. Hassanally G. Agha, officiating Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Nawabshah, is appointed to officiate as District and Sessions Judge and posted as officiating District and Sessions Judge, Larkana, vice Mr. M. A. K. Shaikh.

On relief Mr. M. A. K. Shaikh is transferred as District and Sessions Judge, Sukkur, vice Mr. D. R. Pradhan.

3. On relief, the services of Mr. D. R. Pradhan, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bombay.

Mr. V. L. Gidwani, is appointed to be Assistant Collector, Thana, vice Rao Saheb M. M. Mehta reverting.

Mr. H. H. A. Whitworth, to be Assistant Collector, Ahmedabad vice Mr. B. W. Budd, transferred.

Mr. V. M. Joshi, to be Assistant Collector, Broach and Panch Mahals, vice Mr. Saiyid Vazeer Banoo reverting.

Mr. I. T. Almaula, on relief by Khan Bahadur E. I. Patel, to be Assistant Commissioner, Northern Division, vice Mr. T. P. Jetli proceeded on leave.

Rao Saheb R. V. Sule, Assistant Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Assembly, is granted leave for two months from 1st February 1939 preparatory to retirement.

On relief by Mr. E. P. Little, I.S.E., Mr. N. Gopalakrishna Murti, to be officer on Special Duty for Minor Irrigation Works in the Southern Circle, vice Mr. Rangrao Ganeshrao Islur, proceeded on leave with effect from the 5th December 1938.

Miss S. C. Saptarshi, M.B.B.S. (Bom.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), to be Honorary Lady Doctor in Charge Ante-Natal Clinic, Out-patient Department, Bai Motlibai and Sir D. M. Petit Hospitals, and Tutor, Grant Medical College, Bombay, temporarily, vice Miss J. M. DeSa, M.B.B.S. (Bom), granted leave.

NEW DELHI.—Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has sent a message to the Hindu youths of the Nizam's State asking them to assert their right to sing "Vandemataram" despite the ban placed on it.—United Press.

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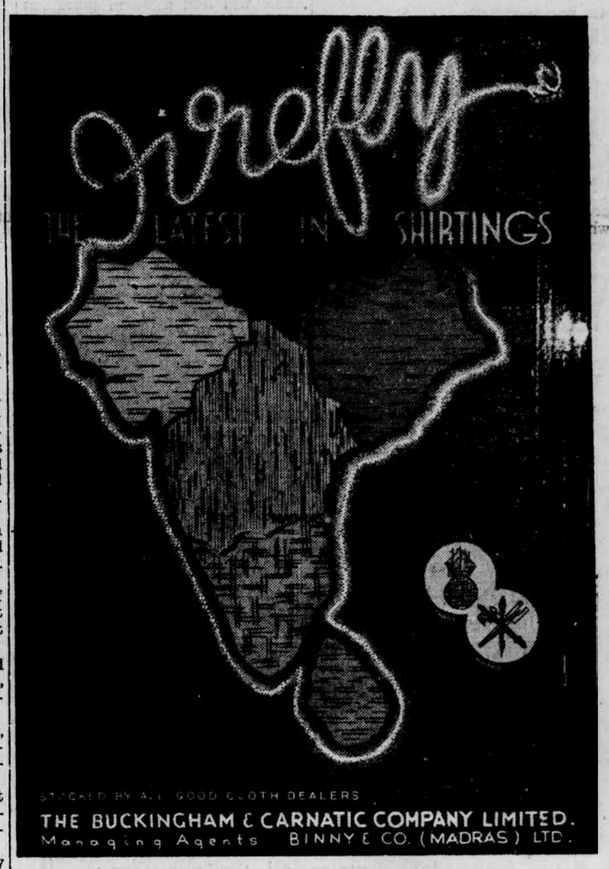
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TRADE & FINANCE

Good Demand For Funds

Gilt-Edged Market Easy

NARROW FLUCTUATIONS IN SHARES

Weekly Market Review

(From Our Special Correspondent)
BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

MONEY

Demands for funds continued to be good during the week under report, call funds being lendable at 1 3/4 to 2 per cent. The statement of the Reserve Bank of India, made upto 16th December 1938 shows an increase of Rs. 4.42 lacs in Government Deposits and Rs. 11.11 lacs in Bankers' Deposits while the item of other Deposits shows a decline of Rs. 18.-39 lacs. Loans and Advances to Government under 'Ways and Means' have increased by Rs. 40 lacs, making a total of Rs. 1.14 crores, while the item of Balances held abroad is down by Rs. 74.31 lacs. The active note circulation of the Bank has increased by Rs. 23.49 lacs, while the ratio of gold plus sterling securities to total liabilities is slightly lower at 50.209 per cent. The statement of the Imperial Bank of India, compiled upto the same date, reveals a decline of Rs. 92.21 lacs in Fixed Deposits, while the Bank's advances have increased by Rs. 137.66 lacs. The item of investments shows a decline of Rs. 230.18 lacs and the Cash Balances of the Bank are up by Rs. 36.87 lacs. Total applications for three months' Treasury Bills amounted to Rs. 1.14 crores of which Rs. 1 crore were accepted at an average rate of Rs. 2-3-10 per cent. per annum as compared with Rs. 2-1-6 per cent in the preceding week. Maturities amounted to Rs. 2 crores, while renewals this week are Rs. 1 crore. Intermediates to the extent of Rs. 14 lacs were sold during the week. Fixed deposit rates were unchanged at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. for three months and 2 1/4 per cent. for six months.

GILT—EDGED

Gilt-edged market was easy partly due to tighter money conditions and partly to international political situation. There were more sellers than buyers and prices showed a downward tendency. 3 1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock after declining from £ 89-1/2 to £ 89 1/4 temporarily, improved and closed at £ 89 1/2, whilst 3 1/2 per cent. Rupee paper steadily lost ground from Rs. 93-7 to Rs 98-3 on Wednesday, but improved at the close to Rs. 98-8. The quotations for forward delivery stood three annas under spot. Amongst other dated bonds 2 3/4 per cent. 1943-52 loan was somewhat easy at Rs. 99-6, 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan at Rs. 101-6 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 115-13. 3 per cent. 1963-65 new loan showed little or no change around Rs. 98-1, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds were virtually pegged around Rs. 102-13 and 4 per cent. 1943 bonds at Rs. 108-5. 3 1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan was quoted a trifle lower at Rs. 105-1 and 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan at Rs. 111-4. 5 per cent. 1939-44 loan declined from Rs. 101-15 to Rs. 101-12 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan from Rs. 105-5 to Rs. 105 at the close. 4 1/2 per cent 1955-60 loan was static at Rs. 119 all through.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was steady during the week under review, sellers of spot T.T. quoting 1s.-5 29/32 d. and buyers 1s. 5 15/16d. Business in connection with export of gold coins was negligible and there was small showing of merchandise export bills.

Among the foreign exchanges in London, the sterling/dollar cross-rate opened at 467.62 cents and declined gradually to 465.68 cents on continental purchases of dollars. Towards the close, however, sterling staged a sharp rally in terms of dollar and other currencies on bear-covering, the rate closing at 466.15 cents. The premium on three months' forward dollars showed narrow fluctuations between 2.18 cents and 2.31 cents The franc showed slow but steady improvement during the week, the sterling franc rate gradually declining from the opening level of frs. 177.59 to frs. 177.10 at the close, while the discount on three months' forward position kept consistently narrowing from frs. 0.840 to frs. .400 at the finish. Other European currencies also showed appreciable improvement. The guilder, after opening at 8.60-7/8, steadied at the close to 8.56-7/8 for spot, while the premium on three months' forward guilders closed higher at 4.12 cents. The belga likewise improved from 27.78 to 27.63-1/2, and the Italian lira closed better at 88.53 as compared with the opening level of 88.87. Among the Far Eastern currencies, the Shanghai dollar, after improving to 8-5/16d. mid-week, cheapened and closed at 8d., whilst the yen kept unchanged at 1s 2d. throughout

GOLD.

Fluctuations in the local gold market were narrow during the week. Spot gold opened at Rs. 37-4-3 and after improving to Rs. 37-5-3, declined to Rs. 37-3 on Tuesday in sympathy with the improvement of sterling in terms of dollar, but closed at Rs. 37-4. January settlement gold was quoted at a premium of nine pies over spot, while February settlement stood one anna over January settlement. As the price of gold in the local market is still above export parity, no business is possible for export. In London, gold opened at 148s. 6d. and gradually improved to 149s 3d., but closed lower at 149s. while the premium on gold over the dollar arbitrage parity, which was 1d. earlier in the week, narrowed to 1/2d. at the finish. Sovereigns in the local market declined from Rs. 23-13 to Rs. 23-11 mid-week, but improved and closed at Rs 23-13. Stocks of gold are estimated at about . . . . . tolas, while arrivals from upcountry average . . . . tolas a day. The offtake is about unchanged at 1,500 tolas a day. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 93.360 in gold bullion and coins whilst last week's shipment to London per s.s. "Strathmore" is valued at Rs. 447. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 37-5-3 and Rs. 37-3 for spot, Rs. 37-6 and Rs. 37-3-9 for January settlement and Rs. 37-7 and Rs. 37-4-6 for February settlement.

SILVER.

Silver was dull during the earlier part of the week, spot price ranging between Rs. 50-15 and Rs. 51-1. Mid-week, the market improved to Rs. 51-4 on steadier advices from London, but closed lower at Rs. 51-1-6 on profit-taking sales in a thin market. January settlement silver was quoted at a discount of one anna six pies under spot, while February settlement stood three annas under spot. In London, the quotation for spot silver steadily improved from the opening level of 19-15/16d. to 20-1/8d. on Tuesday, but later declined and closed at 20-1/16d. while the discount on two months' forward delivery was quoted at 5/8d. throughout except on Monday when it declined temporarily to 1/2d. Stocks of silver are estimated at about 2,100 bars, while the offtake during the week averages about 35 bars a day. Silver coins worth Rs. 17,808 were imported during the week. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 51-4 and Rs. 50-15 for spot, Rs. 51-2-6 and Rs. 50-13-6 for January settlement and Rs. 51-0-6 and Rs. 50-12 for February settlement.

CALCUTTA.

The price of hessians for forward delivery improved gradually from Rs. 7-12-6 to Rs. 7-15 at the close. Jute shares were characterised by a steady tone during the week although price gains were moderate. The turnover, on the whole, was restricted.

SHARES

After an initial hesitancy, the stock market developed a steady tone and prices were fully maintained in all sections. Owing, however, to pre-holiday feeling, the turnover on the market was comparatively small.

Tata Iron & Steel Ordinaries, after declining mid-week to Rs. 310-8, improved and closed at Rs. 315-8, whilst Deferred touched Rs. 1483-12 mid-week, but later made steady progress to Rs. 1522-8, closing slightly lower at Rs. 1516-4. In the cotton mill section, Bombay Dyeings lost over 15 points to Rs. 860 earlier in the week, improving at the end to Rs. 875, whilst Centuries, after an initial set back to Rs. 236, closed better at Rs. 239-8. Central Indias suffered a similar fall from Rs. 236-8 to Rs. 231 and Colaba Lands from Rs. 143-8 to Rs. 140, closing fairly steady at Rs. 234-8 and Rs. 141-8 respectively. Gokaks moved narrowly during the week, the quotation ranging between Rs. 154-8 and Rs. 153, whilst Kohinoors kept slowly losing ground from Rs. 261 to Rs. 255-8, but closed better at Rs. 259. New Greats likewise dropped to Rs. 212 on Wednesday, closing steadier at Rs. 217-8. In the Hydro-electric group, Bombay Trams, which had been fairly steady during the past few weeks, declined mid-week to Rs. 118-4 on rumours of taxation by Government on public utilities, but recovered and closed at Rs. 120. Andhra Valleys lost well nigh 22 points to Rs. 1390, Tata Powers suffered a fall of 27 points to Rs. 1275 and Tata Hydros declined to Rs. 150-8, but towards the close made fair recovery to Rs. 1407-8, Rs. 1285 and Rs. 152 respectively. Bank shares were practically in the background, there being very little inquiry in this section. Bank of Indias showed little or no change around Rs. 148-8, Central Banks around Rs. 30-1 and Reserve Banks around Rs. 115-8. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were almost static around Rs. 1571-4 and Partly Paids around Rs. 385. Amongst Railways, Ahmed. Prantij were inclined to be offered at Rs. 953-12, whilst Tapti Valleys were done at Rs. 757-8. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were fairly steady around Rs. 110-4 and Scindia Steams around Rs. 19-3 on good buying. Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 493xd and Belapurs at Rs. 181xd at the close.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Dec 22

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Amr Power and Light Com	5
Amr Power and Light Pfd 5 p.c. A	33
Electric Bond Common	10 1/4
Electric Bond 5 per cent Pfd	58
Columbia Gas and Elec	6 1/8
American Tel and Tel	147 1/4
Sun Life of Canada	425
Western Union Telg	20 3/4
Chesapeake and Ohio	34
New York Central	19 1/4
Texas Corporation	45 1/4
Union Carbide	88
United States Steel	65 7/8
Republic Steel	24
United S Smelting	56
Anaconda Copper Mining	33 1/2
Int Nickel of Canada	54 1/2
General Motors	49 1/2
General Electric	42 1/4
Curtis Wright	7
Consolidated Oil	8 1/4
Socony Oil	12 3/4
Chase Bank	29 1/4
National City Bank	22

Turnover 1 million shares. Market steadier. Brokers loan for the week down dol 5,000,000.

Produce Receipts

Bombay, Dec 23

Wheat	5,278 cwts
Linseed	1,793 cwts
Gingellyseed	2,837 cwts
Groundnuts	44,468 cwts
Castorseed	190 cwts
Rice	28,550 cwts
Myrabollams	1,666 cwts
Cottonseed	16,857 cwts
Mowraseed	786 cwts
Gram	1,721 cwts
Joowar	272 cwts.
Bajree	8,782 cwts
Indian sugar	1,219 cwts

PRESIDENCY COTTON CROP

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay have issued the following Third Memorandum on the Cotton Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the Season 1938-39:—

(1) On an average of the five years ending 1936-37 the area under cotton in the territory to which this Forecast relates has represented some 26.0 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

This territory (included in the present report) is, however, exclusive of Baroda State, which, on an average, occupies about 3.3 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

(2) The figures given in the present report relate to the varieties of cotton grown in the Bombay Province. For estimates of the remaining crop, refer to Baroda Forecast for "Dholera" and "Broach", to Hyderabad, Mysore and Madras Forecasts for "Barsi and Nagar", "Kumpta and Dharwar" and "Westerns", and to Sind Forecasts for Sindhi. Estimate for the whole crop is available also in the All-India Cotton Forecast published in the Indian Trade Journal, and also issued separately in a leaflet form.

(3) The figures for 1938-39 shown in this Forecast relate to the Cotton Crop sown between May and June 1938 in the case of the early varieties, which are grown principally in the Deccan, and to the Cotton Crop sown in July-September 1938 in the case of the late varieties, which are grown chiefly in Gujarat and the Karnatak.

(Estimates up to 1st December 1938).

AREA

The latest reports show the total area under the early as well as the late varieties of cotton as noted below:—

	Bombay Province. Acres.
British Districts	3,505,000
Indian States	2,094,000
Total	5,599,000

2.5 per cent over the corresponding area of the last year but shows no percentage variation when compared with the decennial average area at the same date. The area decreased somewhat in Gujarat and the Deccan but increased markedly in the Karnatak due to good rains at the time of sowing.

SEASON.

In Gujarat, the crop had a good start with favourable rains in the beginning of the season and its germination was satisfactory. The crop in the Surat district is showing healthy development and is at present in flowering and boll-formation stage. Stray cases of wooly mite attack have been reported but with the setting in of the cold weather this pest is expected to disappear and the prospects of the crop appear to be fairly promising. In other districts of the division, the crop suffered in its early growth especially in the northern parts due to inadequacy of rains, in some parts resulting in shedding of bolls and partial opening indicating insufficiency of soil-moisture. As a result the outturn of the crop will be adversely affected in this tact of the division.

In the Deccan where early varieties of cotton are mostly cultivated, the crop was sown in time and germinated successfully. The crop on the heavier soils, however, suffered in its early stage of growth on account of excessive rains in June-July but improved when favourable breaks occurred later on and held out promise of good yields.

The heavy rains received in the last week of September and in the beginning of October, however, falsified these hopes to some extent. The early pickings of the crop were seriously affected by these rains and, in many places the crop was damaged resulting in shedding of raw bolls and leaves and in spoiling the colour of the lint. In the south-eastern portion of the division the crop suffered to a greater extent, and in some cases had to be grubbed up. The crop in the Satara district, however, appears to have fared well, on the whole, and is estimated to return fairly satisfactory yields.

In the Karnatak, the crop made satisfactory progress in the beginning. The late heavy rains, however, caused damage to the crop to a certain extent especially in the river-side fields due to excessive flooding in places in the Dharwar district. The Dharwar-American cotton crop was reported to have suffered severely from excess of moisture and resowing was necessary in some fields. The break in the latter half of October was favourable while the moderate showers received in November proved useful to the crop which is now reported to be doing fairly well. Kumpta cotton was affected by wilt in some areas while slight attack of red leaf disease is noticed on upland and Dharwar-American cotton in the Gadag area. The prospects of the crop in this division will, however, largely depend upon future weather conditions.

OUTTURN.

As a result of the seasonal conditions described above, the yield of the crop in Gujarat is estimated to range between 50 and 67 per cent of the normal except in the Surat district where it may come to about 92 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan the crop may return between 63 and 83 per cent of the normal except in the south-eastern portion of the division where the outturn of the crop may vary from 33 and 50 per cent of the normal. The yield of the crop in the Karnatak is estimated to fall between 53 and 83 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in Indian States should generally correspond to the yield likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn works out as shown below:—

	Bombay Province. Bales.
British Districts	716,000
Indian States	389,000
Total	1,105,000

5.1 per cent below the corresponding outturn of the last year and the decennial average at the same date.

Classified by varieties the area and outturn of cotton stand as noted in the subjoined table:—

Variety	Area in acres.	Outturn in bales.
1. Dholera	1,927,293	319,863
2. Broach	801,446	219,877
3 Khandesh	1,251,949	275,367
4. Barsi and Nagar	226,920	46,214
5. Kumpta and Dharwar	1,117,409	187,934
6 Westerns	274,176	55,710
Total	5,599,139	1,104,965

Of the total estimated outturn, about 48.3 per cent may be credited to the British Districts and Indian States of Gujarat and the Western India States Agency, about 30.0 per cent to the British Districts and Indian States in the Deccan, and the remaining 21.7 per cent to the Karnatak (British Districts and Indian States combined).

RESTRICTED TURN-OVER IN YARN

Bombay, Dec. 21.

There is no special change to report in the yarn market which has continued to remain quiet but steady throughout the whole past week. Prices in almost all kinds of yarns have fluctuated within a narrow range. The turnover during the week has been very restricted. In case of Indian yarns prices have been slightly easier owing to continued absence of satisfactory demand from consuming centres. Several weak holders have been offering to sell some of their holdings at prices which are apparently very low and attractive but on account of lack of confidence and also due to continued unsatisfactory state of affairs prevailing in the local yarn market, buyers are rather scarce and purchases have been made only from hand to mouth. Cotton prices have remained almost unchanged with a steady undertone at the close. It is surprising that inspite of this there has been no improvement whatever in the demand for yarns from any of the important consuming districts throughout the whole country. Reports are current to the effect that several upcountry mills have been trying to reduce their prices to meet buyers round about their districts. The local mills however find it extremely difficult to make sales of their yarns at any thing like reasonable prices at present. As regards export markets, enquiries are almost at a stand-still and no fresh business of importance has been ranged for any of the important export markets.

ENGLISH YARNS.

Manchester quotations have been found prohibitive for Indian markets owing to very keen Japanese and Shanghai competition. It is no wonder that no forward business of importance has been possible during the last few weeks.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS

After continued heavy decline during the last several weeks prices of Japanese and Shanghai yarns have remained steady during the week under review. It is felt that the present level of prices for most of these yarns is very low and attractive and there is hardly any chance for any material decline from the present level. Confidence seems to have been therefore reviving in the local market and enquiries have definitely increased for grey single as well as two fold yarns both Japanese and Shanghai. Quotations for forward deliveries have been much higher from Japan and China and it is quite possible that some further improvement may take place in the next few days although the stocks are rather heavy and arrivals are yet very large. As regards Mercerised yarns, prices have slightly improved during the week but the speculative turnover is very limited. Sampin have remained very steady while the exchange remains unchanged.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARN.

There has been no change in prices of Italian Syndicate during the week. Demand from almost all important consuming centres is not yet satisfactory probably due to undercutting in prices by some of the weak holders in the local market and also in upcountry centres. It is quite possible however that after such a state of affairs is over in the next few days a further improvement in the demand of Italian yarns will be possible. Stocks are not yet very large and arrivals are now getting less and less. As regards Japanese yarns, prices have remained unchanged with a very small turnover owing to limited stocks and very small arrivals.

INDIAN YARNS.

Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., continues to remain satisfactory and a good deal of business has been transacted especially in 10 1/2s and 20 1/2s while prices have remained steady and unchanged. Local mills are still hesitating to make sales at prices offered by the buyers and as a result no forward sales of importance have been possible during the week. The future tendency continues to remain uncertain.

FURTHER RISE IN SUGAR PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 21.

FOREIGN SUGARS.

Since our last report market for Java sugar continued to remain firm with upward tendency with a further advance of 3 to 3 1/2 annas per cwt. in all positions. This was mainly due to heavy rise in prices of Indian sugars and further advance in foreign markets. Owing to upward tendency of Indian sugars, almost equal to the level of Foreign sugars in Ports, there were continued enquiries from out ports especially from Kathiawar ports resulting in business for fair quantities at every advance. Importers were in the market for sales of Java as well as British Refined and it is reported that some good business was placed in Java for various shipments besides further sales of about 2000 tons British Refined Dec/Feb. shipment on the basis of about Rs. 5/13/6 and Rs. 5/15 per cwt. F.B.H. Bombay option Kathiawar ports at Re. 0/1/6 to Re. 0/2 extra. Besides above sales it was reported that a sale of 2000 tons Mozambique was made for Colombo out port Jaffna for January/February shipments on basis of Rs. 5/11 C.I.F. Colombo. Further business was however checked as there were profit covering sales and Java exporters quotations were higher. Locally there was fairly good turnover between dealers and outsiders but most of the outside sellings were absorbed by out ports as direct Java prices were higher as compared with local prices. Undertone was however very healthy and at the close tendency was fairly steady.

INDIAN SUGARS.

Market for Indian sugar was strong with upward tendency. There was a further rise of 8 annas per maund and in some cases prices of good Indian sugars were about 8 annas below parity of Java sugar from the local market. There were regular enquiries for new crop and business was done in Cawnpore for ordinary 1st crystals on basis of Rs. 9/12 to 9/14 per maund. There was great scarcity of good Indian sugars for ready delivery and it is expected that prices will continue to rule higher until free arrival of Indian new crop. It is difficult to give any opinion of the future trend of the market as present prices are too high and foreign sugars are being regularly sold for Ports with possibility of further sales so long as prices of Indian sugars remain so high. Besides there are rumours about reduction in Import Duty in the next budget which naturally will lead to further business in foreign sugars so long as prices of Indian sugars remain at present level or higher. Arrivals during the week are estimated at 800 tons and stocks at 4500 tons against 1400 and 4700 tons at the same time last year.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

On the New York Terminal market, there was an alround advance of 3 points while on the London Terminal, there was an advance of 3, 2 1/4 and 2d in March, May and August respectively. Java market was reported firm with an advance of 40 points over the last week and it was reported that good business was done by the "Nivas" at every advance in limits. Tendency of the market was upwards. Besides the sales of Java for India sales were reported of quantities of B Refined for Indian ports and Mozambique for Ceylon ports during last fortnight.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

There was hardly any interest in Java sugar except some enquiries from Karachi for Afghanistan etc. Indian sugar markets were strong with upward tendency and business was reported for new crop 1st crystals on basis of Rs. 9/12 to Rs. 10 per maund F.O.R. There was scarcity of good old qualities and it is expected that prices will advance somewhat higher until there is free arrival of Indian sugars during next month.

Local market for Java sugar is likely to advance somewhat further in view of disparity with Java market if the demand from out ports continue as at present. As regards distant future, it is difficult to give any opinion as long as there are no definite news about outturn of the Indian crop which is expected to be shorter than the last season. Both dealers and speculators however are taking very optimistic view of the future and are entering into larger commitments for forward deliveries both in Indian and Foreign sugars.

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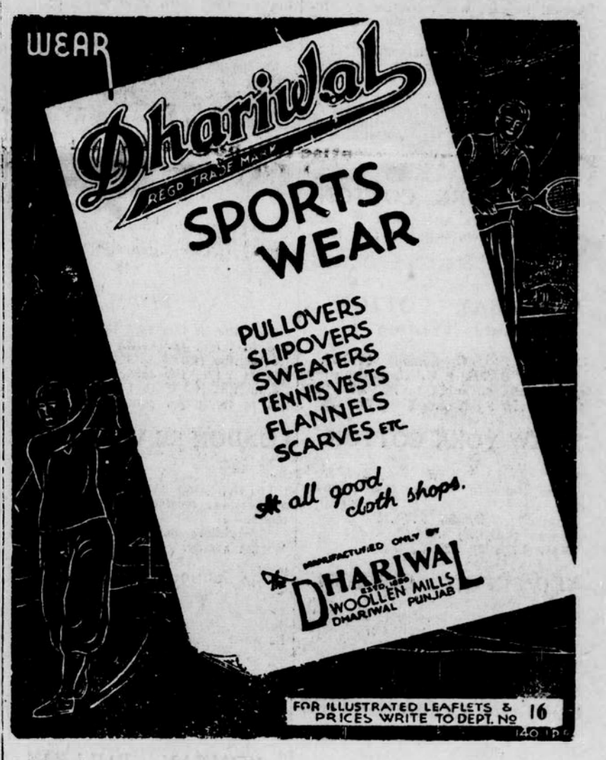

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON THREE POINTS DOWN

London Stock Exchange Featureless

SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY IN SILVER

BOMBAY: DEC. 23.

NEW YORK COTTON

There was moderate activity in New York Cotton owing to scattered support, but the interest was damped by future uncertainties.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Due to holiday influences markets seemed featureless. Internationals were steady whereas Oils ruled dull.

Gilt-edged Securities met with support.

BULLION

Silver price in London advanced by 3/16d. as there was some speculative buying.

Gold remained steady and to-day's price was lower by a penny.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1939

New York, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	8.40
To-day's opening	8.40
Difference	nil
To-day's closing	8.37
Difference	—.03

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1939

Liverpool, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	4.81
To-day's opening	4.85
Difference	+.04
To-day's closing	4.85
Difference	+.04

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1938	Rs. 159-0
July August	Rs. 160-0

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec 23.

The New York cotton was moderately active on scattered support but the general interest was restricted by future uncertainties and dullness of Liverpool.

The trading in March commenced at 8.40 i.e. unchanged from the last closing. Prices steadied early on scattered local buying, but thereafter the demand slowed down with prices receding on lack of support and stimulating foreign cables with March declining to 8.37.

NEW YORK COTTON

The New York cotton market will remain closed on Saturday and Monday.

BOMBAY COTTON Late Trading

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Locally, Broach A/M. after opening at Rs. 159-4 advanced to Rs. 159-8 but again receded and closed at Rs. 159.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 23.

The following were the opening ranges:—

January (8.30/8.29) 8.30/8.28
March (8.31/8.30) 8.40/8.40
May (8.12/8.12) 8.24/8.22

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Dec. 23.

American January (4.84) 4.87
American March (4.82) 4.84
Egyptian January (7.23) 7.19
Egyptian March (7.21) 7.21

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Dec. 23.

TEAS.

London, Dec. 23.

Indian Pekoe (0-10 1/2) 0-10 1/2
Indian Pekoe higher (1-3 1/2) 1-3 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe (1-0 1/4) 1-0 1/4
Ceylon Pekoe higher (1-6 1/4) 1-6 1/4

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop December January (£19 3/16 sellers) £19 1/4 buyers.

Dundee December (£23) £23

Lightning December (£21 1/2) £21 1/2

RUBBER

Spot (8 1/8 paid and sellers) 8 1/8 paid and buyers

Forward February (8 3/16 paid and sellers) 8 3/16 paid and value.

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay December January (£11 sellers) £11 sellers

Linseed La Plata January (£12 9/16 sellers) £12 9/16 sellers

Linseed La Plata December (£11 3/16 sellers) £11 sellers.

Groundnuts Coromandal January (£10 3/15 sellers) £10 1/8 sellers.

METALS

Tin (£214 1/2 buyers £214 3/4 sellers. Steady) £215 buyers £215 1/2 sellers. Steady.

Lead (£15 1/16 buyers £15 1/8 sellers. Steady) £15 1/8 buyers £15 1/4 sellers. Steady.

Electrolytic Copper (£49 1/2 to £50) £49 1/4 to £50 1/4

Iron (112) 112

LIVERPOOL WHEAT Closing Quotations

Liverpool, Dec. 23.

The closing quotation for December is 57 1/8d. The previous close was 56 5/8d.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	4.66 3/4
To-day's opening	4.66 1/2
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.66 1/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	4.66.81
To-day's opening	4.66.68
To-day's closing	4.66.56

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, Dec. 23.

Previous closing	177.15
To-day's opening	177.09
To-day's closing	177.15

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec. 23.

London Exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.66.68 and then rose to 4.66.81 on some support with subsequent changes being small.

Franc opened at 177.09 and then continued steady with little change.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 29/32) 1-5 29/32
Paris on Bombay (13.216) 13.212
New York on Bombay (34.85) 34.90
Berlin on Bombay (86 3/4) 86 3/4
London on Milan (88.65) 88.70
London on Shanghai (0-8 3/8 nominal) 0-8 3/8 nominal
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-9-0) £7-8-11
Silver (20 1/16d) 20 1/4d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/16 to 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent.

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay tonight:—

"Speculators bought sellers reserved. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 23.

Spot	(20 1/16d) 20 1/4d.
Forward	(19 7/16d) 19 5/8d.

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 23.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-9-0) £7-8-11.

BOMBAY BULLION Latest Quotations

Bombay, Dec. 23.

SILVER

Silver ready	51	5	0
Silver Posh	51	4	0
Silver Mah	51	3	0

GOLD

Gold ready	37	4	6
Gold Posh	37	4	9
Gold Maha	37	5	0
Sovereign	23	14	0

WHEAT AND LINSEED Closing Quotations

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Wheat January	4	8	0
Wheat May	3	8	6
Linseed May	5	2	6

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Dec. 23.

Liverpool wheat opened steady with March quoting at 52 1/2d. The market exhibited better sentiment in response to encouraging overseas cables but subsequently it quietened down.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Dec. 23.

Chicago wheat opened steady with may quoting at 0.67 1/4. The market was devoid of activity following colourless foreign cables with the price receding to 0.67 1/8.

3½% GOVT. PAPER Closing Quotations

Bombay, Dec. 23.

3 1/2 per cent. Government Paper closed at Rs. 93/3

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Dec. 23.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £89 1/2

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday, December 14, £89 3/4
Thursday, December 15, £89 3/8
Friday, December 16, £89 1/2
Monday, December 19, £89 1/2
Tuesday, December 20, £89 1/4
Wednesday, December 21, £89 1/2
Thursday, December 22, £89 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, Dec. 23. 5-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£98 1/4) £98 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£89 1/2) £89 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£111) £111
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£114 1/2) £114 3/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£106) £106
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£107 1/2) £107 1/2
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1945/59 (£101) £101 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent Australian Loan 1945/58 (£102) £102 1/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent (£69 7/8) £70 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£97 7/8) £98 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 5/8) £102 3/4
5 per cent Funding Loan (£107 1/4) £107 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£97 3/8) £97 5/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£106 3/4) £107

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 23.

London Stock Exchange was quiet under holiday influence.

Giltedged securities attracted some support. Three and half per cent was quoted at 89 1/2 i.e. unchanged from the previous closing.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16-9) 16-9
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (55-7 1/2) 55-1 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 4 1/2) dol 4 1/2
Elec Music Industry (10-9) 10-9
Princhin Johnson (22-6) 24-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-1 1/2) 30-1 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (57-9) 57-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£18 1/2) £18 1/2
Dunlop Rubber)23) 23
Unilever Ordinary (36-3) 36-3
Ford Motors (15-9) 15-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£34) £34
British American Tobacco Ordinary (94-4 1/2) 94-4 1/2
Carreas A (£8 3/8) £8 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (128-9) 129-4 1/2
P. and O. S N Company Deferred (21-7 1/2) 21-7 1/2
Distillers (89-0) 89-0
Bredford Dyes (3-1 1/2) 3-1 1/2
British Celanese (3-10 1/2) 3-10 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-1 1/2) 35-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (27-7 1/2) 28-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-3) 2-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-10 1/2) 22-3
Inter Nickels (dol 57 3/8) dol 58 1/4
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (42-6) 42-6

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (16-6) 16-6
Donaro Tea (37-6) 37-6
Empire of India (23-6) 23-6

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£9) £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (25-0) 25-0
Guia Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (27-4 1/2) 27-4 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (40) 40-0
Burma Corporation (8-9) 8-9
Rio Tintos (£14 1/8) £14 1/8
East Rand Proprietors (52-6) 52-6
Rand Mines (£8 1/4) £8 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£15 1/2) £15 1/2
Associated Portland Cement (65-10 1/2) 66-3
Trinidad Leaseholds (91-3) 91-3
Sub Nigel (£11 1/4) £11 1/4
Spring Mines Split Share (30-0) 30-0
Union Corporation (£7 7/8) £7 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-0) 20-0
Anglo Iranian (89-4 1/2) 88-9
Burma Oil (83-1 1/2) 83-1 1/2
Mexican Eagle (5-3) 5-3
Shell Transport (80-7 1/2) 80-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£36 5/8) £36 5/8

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£27 3/4) £27 3/4
London Midland and Ordinary (£12 7/8) £12 7/8
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
Southern Def (£12 3/8) £12 3/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£119 1/4) £119 1/4
London Transport 'C' (£74) £74

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE Gilt-edgeds Improve

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Stock Exchange was quiet under holiday influences, but Giltedged securities improved further, closing on a very firm note. Iron and Steels were also bright while Kaffirs were occasionally supported on local account. All markets will be closed on 26th and 27th instant.

Wall Street opened steady.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 23.

General Motors (dol 48 7/8) dol 49 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 33 1/2) dol 34 1/4
U S Common New Stock (dol 65 1/4) dol 66 3/4
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 115 1/2

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

Karachi, Dec. 23.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Sind cotton Jan.	15	3	0
Sind cotton March	15	5	6
Punjab Jan.	13	2	6
Punjab March	13	3	6
Desi American Jan.	18	2	0
Desi American March	18	2	9
Tone steady.			
Wheat Dec.	23	10	6
Wheat Jan.	23	10	3
Wheat March	23	13	9
Wheat July	25	8	9
Gram Dec.	31	5	6
Gram Jan.	31	2	6
Gram July	28	0	6
Toria Dec.	36	8	0
Toria Feb.	36	0	6
Toria March	36	14	9
Cottonseed Jan.	19	15	3
Cottonseed July	19	14	6

GOLD EXPORT FROM NETHERLAND

HAGUE, Dec. 23.

In the Second Chamber a National-Socialist deputy asked whether dispatch of Dutch gold and stocks to London and New York was not threatening the country's independence and neutrality in the event of a European war.

Dr. Colijn replied that gold consignments were made on technical and financial grounds and had nothing to do with politics. The independent attitude of the Netherlands is sufficiently known abroad.—Reuter.

MORNING SHOWS AT REGAL & CAPITOL

AT REGAL

There will be two morning shows specially arranged for children during this festive season—one on Xmas day, when the picture "Carefree" will be shown and Xmas cakes and Balloons will be distributed to all children; the other on New Year day, when the picture "Alexander's Ragtime Band" will be screened and assorted toys will be given away free to all youngsters. The Morning Shows will start at 10-30 a. m.

AT CAPITOL

The Management of the Capitol have arranged two morning shows starting at 10 a. m. on December 24th and 25th, when the film "Movie Crazy" featuring Harold Lloyd will be screened. There will be two more shows at 10 a. m. on December 26th and 27th, when "Lives of a Bengal Lancer", starring Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone, will be screened. At the morning show on Xmas day toys will be distributed free to all children.

CONGRESS SCORES IN DHARWAR ELECTIONS

HUBLI, Dec. 23.

The Congress scored a signal victory in the Dharwar District Local Board elections results of which were announced today.

For 34 out of 44 seats, including 15 uncontested seats Congress were returned.

One of the notable non-Congress defeats was that of Rao Saheb Channappa Gauda.

Hubli returned Congressmen for both the seats.—United Press.

Parliamentary Secretaries In Sind

KARACHI, Dec. 23.

The "Associated Press" understands that the Sind Government is appointing forthwith three Parliamentary Secretaries with a view to cope with the heavy legislative work coming up before the ensuing lengthy session of the Sind Assembly, commencing on January 4. The names of Messrs. Pirzada Abdul Sattar, Dialmal Doulatram are prominently mentioned in this connection. The former in addition to his duty of Parliamentary Secretary will act the Chief Government Whip.—A. P.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Economics Minister, Dr. Funk, who is at present in Italy on account of his wife's health is expected to hurry back to assume the task of industrial dictatorship which Field Marshal Goering has just entrusted him with under the four-year plan.—Reuter.

DECLINE IN INDIAN IMPORTS INTO E. AFRICA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22.

The decline in Indian imports into East Africa was referred to with concern by Mr. M. H. Ismail, Indian Government Trade Commissioner, East Africa, speaking at a meeting organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Zanzibar.

"The bulk of our trade with this Colony," said Mr. Ismail, "was in manufactured goods and the decline in imports from India has been particularly noticeable in cotton piecegoods. Since no finished goods and particularly textiles are manufactured here it cannot be said that local products have taken the place of Indian goods.

"It is significant that whereas the purchasing power of the Africans has been steadily though slowly increasing, the influx of cheaper goods has also increased".

"For some years now one of the most urgent problems of India has been that of the organisation and development of her industries, proceeded Mr. Ismail. He referred to the progress already achieved in industrialisation and said: "The latest type of machinery and highly trained technicians are employed in the manufacture of a variety of articles such as iron and steel, boots and shoes, paints and varnishes, electric bulbs and fans, electric batteries and cells, water proof cloth, agricultural implements, aluminium goods, canned fruits glassware hurricane lanterns, potteries, sugar, celluloid and bakelite goods, etc. The total value of the export of Indian merchandise in the year 1935-36 was Rs. 161 crores whereas in the year 1937/38 it rose to Rs. 181 crores, i.e., about £121 million and £136 million respectively."

ENGLISHMAN'S "SENSE OF JUSTICE"

Mr. Ismail continued: "You have referred to the general tightening up of commercial laws in this colony which you apprehend is likely to deprive you of certain facilities and privileges you enjoy at present.... I have still sufficient confidence in the Englishman's sense of justice and fairplay to believe that if your grievances are satisfactorily represented to them, mutual adjustment of differences will not be impossible of achievement.

"I have but a few words more to say. And I speak to you now not as the Indian Government Trade Commissioner but as man to man, as one Indian to another.

"Every Indian owes a debt of honour sanctioned and imposed by all the unwritten laws of patriotism. I hope all of you will be willing not only to discharge your obligations but to contribute voluntarily and generously to the prosperity of the land of your forefathers by promoting its trade with this country. You are Indians, and no matter where you live, you will remain Indians. Let not your children weaken the ties that bind them to their country. My friends, infuse into the new generation a sense of pride in India's past, of faith in India's future and a spirit of self-confidence and self-respect."—A. P.

THIRD PENFRIENDS' INTERNATIONAL CAMP General Invitation

Mr. Govindlal D Shah, Vice-President, Ahmedabad Branch, Executive of the Third Penfriends' International Camp, writes:—

We have great pleasure in issuing this general invitation to all those whom it may concern to participate in the Third Penfriends' International Camp that we are organising at Ahmedabad on 28th, 29th and 30th December 1938

Desire for friendship is a universal hunger and penfriendship satisfies that desire in its abstract concept by producing a mental vision of friendship. It represents an inspiring, interesting and instructive mission of intellectual national and international brotherhood and is now universally recognised as a unifying, knowledge-giving, goodwill-creating nation-building movement. A meeting of penfriends and hobbyists is therefore a welcome occasion and we are glad to be able to announce the holding of our third camp on the above dates in Christmas this year.

The programme for the camp includes addresses by the Chairman of the Reception Committee and the President, open sessions, Exhibition, Mock-parliament, Fancy dress, Elocution and other competitions, sports, excursion, dramatic and variety entertainment and dinner.

Any person interested in penfriendship and hobbies can nominate himself as a delegate to the camp on payment of a fee of Rs. 3. Those intimating before 25th December, 1938 will be provided free boarding and lodging accommodations besides a free participation in all the camp programmes. Any person in sympathy with the plans and ideals of the camp may become a member of the Reception Committee on payment of a fee of Rs. 5 or Rs 3 and will be entitled to a free participation in all the programmes.

We hope all interested will unite together to make our camp a great success.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Turner Morrison s.s. Rezwani of 3329 reg tons Capt P M Mirrless arrived from Jeddah via Port Sudan Aden and Porbunder with pilgrims and general cargo.

B I S N s.s. Bamora of 1870 reg tons Capt S G Crombie arrived from Basra via Persian Gulf Ports Karachi and Kathiawar Ports with passengers and general cargo

Turner Morrison s.s. Nurjehan of 3379 reg tons Capt J F Smith arrived from Tegal via Java and Persian Gulf Ports Karachi Kathiawar Ports and Veraval with cargo of sugar and timber

K Nixon s.s. City of Agra of 3844 reg tons Capt W Mackenzie arrived from Birkenhead via Port Said and Suez with general cargo.

French Navy Loing of 2382 reg tons Capt De Corvelte Doignon arrived from Abadan.

Anchor Line s.s. Cilicia of 6577 reg tons Capt F M Henderson arrived from Karachi with passengers and general cargo.

P and O s.s. Canton of 9255 reg tons Capt H M Jack arrived from Yokohama via Japan Port Shanghai Hongkong Singapore and Colombo with passengers and general cargo.

SAILED

L Edward's s.s. Uhenfels of 4570 reg tons Capt H Dieckmann sailed for Port Said Antwerp Rotterdam Hamburg and Bremen with passengers local and same bottom cargo.

Anchor Line s.s. Cilicia of 6577 reg tons Capt F M Henderson sailed for Marseilles Liverpool via Aden with passengers local and same bottom cargo

O S K s.s. Kanto Maru of 5188 reg tons Capt T Surugo sailed for Kobe via Penang and Singapore with passengers local and same bottom cargo

Scindia Steam s.s. El Madina of 1628 reg tons Capt J G Connor sailed for Jeddah with pilgrims

F F Campbell s.s. Pres Monroe of 6505 reg tons Capt W H Weavers sailed for New York via Suez with local and same bottom cargo.

Scindia Steam s.s. Jalajyoti of 2698 reg tons Capt J G Corror sailed for Calcutta with local cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 23-12-38.

S s City of Agra (JF) for Karachi Liverpool Manchester and Glasgow.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, Dec. 23.

2 Caithness 3026 Port Said 27-12 L Dreyfus
4 C/o Agra 3866 Karachi 27-12 K Nixon
6 Clan Murray 3631 Bhavnagar 24-12 J Finlay
7 Aagtekerk 4044 Alleppi 26-12 L Edwards
8 Kanto Maru 5188 Japan 23-12 O S K Kaisha
9 Trifels 3771 Karachi 24-12 L Edwards
11 Gerarchia 3306 Port Said 1-1-39 L Dreyfus
15 Westralia 2745 Australia 24-12 Grahams Trading.
16 Pres. Monroe 6529 New York 24-12 F F Campbell.

VICTORIA DOCK

2 Jedmoor 2649 Japan 30-12 O S K Kaisha
3 Vita 1955 Karachi 24-12 M M
6 Alipore 3241 NF NF M M
9 Nurjehan 3379 Calcutta 24-12 T Morrison
16 Hashemi 298 Karachi NF S Hassum

PRINCE'S DOCK

A Jalajyoti 2692 Calcutta 24-12 Scindia S N
D/E Alavi 2161 Jeddah 24-12 T Morrison
F El Madina 1628 Jeddah 23-12 Scindia S N
G Costcappelle 348 M Coast 24-12 Merchant S N
K Jalavijaya 2297 N F N F Scindia S N

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON
Strathaird 29-12-38 P and O
Saudan 30-12-38 P and O S N
Ranchi 6-1-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 12-1 39 P and O S N
Durend 18-1-39 P and O S N
Ranpura 19-1-39 P and O S N
FROM HULL
City of Kobe 3-1-39 J Finlay
FROM LIVERPOOL
Britannia 13-1-39 Anchor Line
Halizones 2-1-39 J Finlay
FROM HAMBURG
Goldenfels 27-12-38 L Edward
Lindenfels 7-1-39 L Edwards
FROM GOTHENBURG
Tungsha 14-1-39 L Edwards
Ceylone 4-1-39 L Edwards
FROM NEW YORK
Pres Adams 12-1-39 F F Campbell
Steel Ranger 31-21-38 M M
FROM TRIESTE
Conte Verde 16-1-39 L Triestino
FROM GENOA
Victoria 2-1-39 L Triestino
FROM CHINA AND JAPAN
Canton 23-12-38 P and O S N
Eifuku Maru 7-1-39 O S Kaisya
Bri. Monarch 14-1-39 N Y Kaisha
Corfu 6-1-39 P and O
Malaca Maru 27-12-38 N Y Kaisha
Glasgow Maru 18-1-39 O S K
Chitral 20-1-39 P and O S N
FROM BASSEIN
Tanfield 26-12-38 M M
FROM BASRA
Varela 24-12-38 M M
Barala 29-12-38 M M
FROM SYDNEY
Mooltan 31-12-38 P and O S N
FROM CALCUTTA
Orna 26-12-38 M M
FROM DURBAN
Kenya 7-1-38 M M
Takliwa 2-1-39 M M
FROM RANGOON
Nirvana 30-12-38 M M
FROM KARACHI
Vita 29-12-38 M M
Weissenfels 25-12-38 L Edwards
Nagato Maru 24-12-38 N Y Kaisha

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON
Corfu 7-1-39 P and O S N
Strathnaver 14-1-39 P and O S N
Chitral 21-1-39 P and O S N
Narkunda 28-1-39 P and O S N
Mooltan 31-12-38 P and O S N
Canton 24-12-38 P and O S N
FOR LIVERPOOL
Britannia 27-1-39 Anchor Line
FOR HAMBURG
Uhenfels 23-12-38 L Edwards
FOR NEW YORK
Ven Buren 28-1-39 F F Campbell
Pres Adams 14-1-39 F F Campbell
FOR PORT SAID
Gerachia 1-1-39 Ralli Bros.
Caithness 27-12-38 L Dreyfus
FOR TRIESTE
Conte Rosso 16-1-39 L Triestino
FOR GENOA
Conte Biancamano 5-1-39 L Triestino
FOR CHINA AND JAPAN
Conte Verde 16-1-39 L Triestino
Jademoor 30-12-38 O S Kaisha
Soudan 2-1-39 P and O
Nagpore 14-1-39 P and O
Rajputana 22-12-38 P and O
Nagato Maru 31-12-38 N Y Kaisya
Ranchi 5-1-39 P and O S N
Victoria 2-1-39 L Triestino
Malaca Maru 14-1-39 N Y Kaisha
Kanto Maru 23-12-38 O S Kaisha
FOR SYDNEY
Strathaird 29-12-38 P and O S N
Stratheden 12-1-39 P and O S N
Westralia 25-12-38 Gra Trdg.
FOR BASRA
Bamora 28-12-38 M M
Varela 29-12-38 M M
FOR DURBAN
Tairea 4-1-39 M M
Kenya 18-1-39 M M
FOR JEDDAH
Rizwani 3-1-39 T Morrison
El Madina 16-1-39 Scindia S N
FOR RANGOON
Jalaratna 24-12-38 Sc S N
FOR CALCUTTA
Orna 3-1-39 M M
Jalajyoti 24-12-38 Sc S N
FOR KARACHI
Trifels 24-12-38 L Edwards
Vita 31-12-38 M M

B. P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Bhadravati 22-12-38
S S Kalavati 22-12-38
S S Sophia Marie 22-12-38
S S Gairsoppa 22-12-38
S S Vita 23-12-38

EXPORTS

Bombay, Dec. 23.

S S Canton for London: 11 bales cow hides tanned P E Boyee; 29 bags fish bones A Abdulla; 928 bags gr nut kernels S M Rajgor; 101 bags fennel seeds B Balwant; 27 cases bristles Cox and Kings (Agents); 20 cases bristles D Abraham; 55 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley; 58 bags cattle fish bones N P Master; 15 bags fish maws B. Dhanjee.

For Tripoli: 40 bales cotton grey yarn A H Diab.

S S City of Agra for Liverpool: 15 bales wool raw K Esmail.

S S Caithness for Port Said for orders: 2682 bags gr nut oil cake Ralli Bros.

S S Kanto Maru for Osaka: 200 bales raw cotton A Clayton; 41 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha.

S S Jedmoor for Yokohama: 100 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha; 100 bales raw cotton Podar Trading.

For Kobe: 400 bales raw cotton S Karamshi; 200 bales raw cotton K M Nathoo; 1101 bales raw cotton N Nagshi; 500 bales raw cotton L Rawji; 130 bales raw cotton H Nensey; 500 bales M Amarsey; 100 bales raw cotton G Soonderdass; 200 bales raw cotton Kotak; 100 bales raw cotton Podar Trading; 100 bales raw cotton N Rajaram; 16 cases bristles D Abraham.

For Osaka: 99 bales raw cotton M Amersey; 200 bales raw cotton N Nagshi.

For Yokkaichi: 900 bales raw cotton N Nagshi

S S Weisenfels for Hamburg: 5440 bags gr nut oil cake P Surchand; 60 bags turmeric A P Gupta; 52 bags gum S Dharshi; 5335 bags gr nut oil cake K Prasad; 7000 bags gr nut oil cake H Rawji; 120 bales cotton waste P Dass; 2720 bags gr nut oil cake Indo Foreign Comm. Corptn.

For Rotterdam: 3000 pkts gr nut oil cake A Oomerbhoy.

For Malmo: 2720 bags gr nut oil cake G N Musry; 1336 bags gr nut oil cake Indo Foreign Comm. Corptn.

For Oslo: 6610 bags gr nut oil cake P Surchand; 1750 bags gr nut oil cake K Prasad.

For Antwerp: 28 bales cotton waste P Dass; 3000 pkts gr nut oil cake A Oomerbhoy; 3600 bags gr nut oil cake F H Kassam; 667 bags gr nut oil cake K Prasad; 450 bags kardi seeds M Bhuta; 220 bales raw cotton Sapt T Products (India).

For Stockholm: 25 bales cotton waste P Dass

For Ahus: 1400 bags gr nut oil cake H Rawji

Stavanger: 2900 bags gr nut oil cake H Rawji.

For Christiansand: 500 bags gr nut oil cake K Prasad

For Gdynia: 217 bags castor seed Ralli Bross.

For New York: 50 bales raw wool K Esmail.

S S Pres. Monroe for New York: 24 bales kidskins D Abraham.

IMPORTS.

S S City of Johannesburg Agent Killick Nixon from Liverpool: 117 cases ctn piece goods; 50 cases whisky; 98 cases safety cartridges; 1871 bdls galvd corru sheets; 1134 d/bags china clay; 98 cases machinery; 83 bxs auto batteries; 105 cases soap powder; 58 cases soap; 55 cases cigarettes; 75 loose c i pipes; 520 loose pneum m/car outer covers; 75 dms lubg oil; 62 bdls steel bars; 72 bdls rods and sections; 135 cases milk powder; 50 cases galvd screws; 50 cases pick head; 100 bags extracted caraway seed; 125 loose c i cisterns; 119 bdls octagon steel; 300 bdls steel sheet pieces; 550 bdls steel sheet middles.

From Port Said: 515 bales cotton.

Trade Buying And Covering On New York Cotton Exchange

CONSIDERABLE JANUARY LIQUIDATION ON FOREIGN ACCOUNT

Absence Of Fresh Incentive And Holiday Atmosphere

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The New York Cotton Market was rather undecided with holiday atmosphere prevailing and in the absence of a fresh incentive, new interest was lacking.

Considerable amount of January liquidation was largely for foreign account. Later prices firmed on short covering and trade buying.

The New York cotton market opened steady and was moderately active. Prices early eased on increased January long liquidation prior to the first notice day on Tuesday as well as Liverpool selling in the form of undoing spreads.

Hedge selling was again light and when foreign offerings subsided prices rallied on trade buying and better spot demand. Finally trade buying and covering appeared with the session closing steady.

At the opening March was quoted 4 points down at 8.30 which was the lowest level and later on prices advanced to 8-40 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net decline of 3 points for January while other positions advanced 7 to 2 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 6 points at 8.85c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also fairly steady and closed at a decline of 6 points to a rise of 3 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 3 points at 8.60c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of one point with March quoted 4.84. There was Bombay and Alexandria liquidation and overseas advices were steady. Later on there was straddle buying against New York and trade calling against hedging of outside growths. The market closed at a decline of 1 to 2 points. Middling American spot cotton prices advanced 2 points at 5-21d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was quietly steady. Giza futures closed unchanged to 4 points up and Uppers futures closed 8 pints down to 2 points up. The Alexandria cotton market was very steady and Sakels futures closed 9 to 10 points up while Ashmouni futures gained 18 to 4 points.

LANCASHIRE TRADE

There has been a fair amount of inquiry in the yarn and cloth markets this week, but only a few traders have been able to secure satisfactory orders. Buyers have seemed more than usually reluctant to commit themselves to transactions, possibly because of the increasing doubts as to whether raw cotton prices can be maintained in face of the growing bearishness of the statistical position. Very few big quantities have been wanted, especially on the shipping side, and some poor prices have been taken.

More has been done for Egypt In some quarters, chiefly in bleached goods, but a slightly better inquiry from some Near Eastern sources has produced virtually no business. South American advices have been more encouraging as regards both remittances and fresh business, and some big lines of split satteens have been under negotiation, and one or two houses have sold more this week for the Scandinavian countries. India has been rather more active in inquiry, and there have been more offers for white shirtings and for Austrias as well as for light goods. Singapore and Java have taken a few specialities, and handful of poplins have been booked for Shanghai.

HOME BUSINESS

The home trade has been fairly active, taking a useful quantity, in the aggregate, of plains, overall cloths, linings, shirtings, and furnishing fabrics, and there have been several Government orders for bandaging, overall cloths, &c. The Dominions have also done a fair business, largely in heavy goods.

Only in isolated instances have spinners made good sales, though, on the whole, deliveries under old contracts have been more satisfactory. Export trade in yarns has remained slack.—"M. G."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (2-50 p.m.)	8.40+06
New York March lowest (10 a.m.)	8.30—04
Liverpool March highest	4.84+01
Liverpool March lowest	4.81—02

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market likely to continue within narrow limits. It appears that trade awaits further news.

Market firmed on mill demand and local covering.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following telegrams from their foreign friends:

New York: 'Upward tendency. January liquidation. England selling followed by good demand from American mills old crop months.'

'Speculative covering. Scarcity of contracts. Advise sales on bulges.'

'Buying by trade cause of advance. Trade prospects improving.'

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec 22

January	8.31—03
March	8.40+06
May	8.21+07
July	7.92+06
October	7.61+02
December	7.65+03
Middling Spot	8.85+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec 22

January	8.41—06
March	8.50+03
May	8.30+03
Middling Spot	8.60+03

NEW YORK
New York, Dec 22

11-00 A.M. RANGES—	
January	8.30/8.30
March	8.33/8.32
May	8.12/8.12
NOON CALL—	
March	8.32
May	8.12

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, Dec 22

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	4,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	1.000 bales
Day's exports to China and Japan	8,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, Dec 22

December	4.86—01
January	4.84—01
February	4.82—02
March	4.81—02
April	4.78—02
May	4.76—02
June	4.69—02
July	4.64—02
August	4.64—02
September	4.54—01
October	4.49—01
November	4.50—01
December	4.52—01
Middling Spot	5.21+02
10-12 a.m. quotations	
January	4.86
March	4.84

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, Dec 22

GIZA—	
Spot	7.58—5
January	7.22—0
March	7.21+2
May	7.19+4
GIZA NO 2—	
January	7.20+2
March	7.30+2
May	7.36+3
July	7.39+3
UPPERS—	
Spot	6.05—0
January	5.93+2
March	5.99+2
May	6.04+1
July	6.06+1
October	5.93—8
November	5.88—1

COMMERCIAL CHART

We have received a copy of a commercial chart published by Messrs. Ranchhoddas Guruji, Cotton Brokers, showing weekly quotations of cotton prices in Bombay, Liverpool and New York, Bullion, Linseed and Wheat for the past five years from 1933-34 to 1938-39. Very useful statistics regarding Indian cotton together with highest and lowest prices of Broach cotton for the past 19 years are given separately which will be used for reference purpose. The price is Rs. 2/8.

LONDON PRODUCE
London, Dec 22

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe parcels Jan Feb sellers	21/6
Wheat Barletta Russo parcels Jan Feb sellers	23
Wheat South Australian parcels Jan sellers	23

LONDON SEEDS
London, Dec 22

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. ton Dec sellers	11-0-0
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. ton Jan sellers	12-11-3
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. ton Jan sellers	12-15-0
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont c.i.f. ton Dec Jan sellers	11-12-6
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. ton Dec Jan sellers	11-0-0

LINSEED OIL
London, Dec 22

Linseed oil London per cwt naked Jan sellers	23
Linseed oil London per cwt naked Feb April sellers	22/10 1/2

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Dec 22

T T London on:—	
New York	4.66.81
Paris	177.15
Berlin	11.64 1/2
Madrid	100.00
Montreal	4.71 3/8
Amsterdam	8.58 15/16
Brussels	27.68 1/2
Milan	88.70
Berne	20.66 3/4

NEW YORK COFFEE
New York, Dec 22

Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality Sellers	5 1/2

LONDON RUBBER
London, Dec 22

Smoked Sheets standard ribbed per lb Sellers	8 1/8

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec 23

Following a rise of 6 points in New York cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs. 160 for Broach A/M delivery and the market opened quiet at Rs. 159/12 and declined to Rs. 159/6 on scattered selling. Later on there was absence selling and in view of holidays there was no inclination to enter into fresh risks but short covering rallied prices to Rs. 159/10. Business was slow and the tone of the market was quiet.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of 4 points and later on was quoted 3 points up. The local market was quiet with Broach A/M quoted at Rs. 159/8 and finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:

F G M G—	
Broach A/M	159 2 0
Broach J/A	160 2 0
Fine M G—	
Oomra D/J	146 10 0
Oomra March	145 4 0
F G M G	
Bengal D/J	121 12 0
Bengal March	121 4 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Dec 23

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	200	550

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec 23

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG Good
M G—				
Bengal U P	131	128	125	122
Punjab	131	128	125	122
Rajputana	132	129	126	123
Oomra No. 3	158	155	152	149
C P No. 1	172	169	166	163
C P No. 2	164	161	158	155

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec 23

Bengal Superfine 133/35
Bengal Fine 130/31 Dec +5 Jan +4
Bengal F G 127/28
C P 1 168/69 Dec +20 Jan +17
C P 2 158/59 Dec +12 Jan +9
Arvi 160/61
Amraoti 153/54
Ellichpur 156/57
Berar 152/53 Dec +4 1/2 Jan +3 1/2
Malkapur 150/51
Khandesh 141/46
Jalna Sailu 146/47
Burwah Sanavad 153/55
Khandwa 153/55
Mathia F G 126/28
Broach March +3 1/2
Punjab 4 F 182/85 Dec +25
Punjab 289 F 215/20 Dec +59
Sindh N T 200/12

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 23

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	246	12,687	926
Central India	1,203	59,716	363
Barsi and Nagar	292	13,287	8,255
Hyderabad Gaorani	91	1,062	1,645
Berar	749	42,654	25,373
Central Provinces	133	15,195	4,743
Total Oomras	2,714	144,601	41,305
Cholera	1,519	58,000	3,997
N W Provinces		536	1,454
Rajputana	367	11,316	95
Sind Punjab	2,350	98,739	127,879
Broach		12,088	1,406
Coompta & Dharwar	82	11,972	7,859
Westerns Northerns	340	11,569	861
Cocoanada		6	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,121	811
American		512	36,707
Egyptian, African and Sudan	2,358	113,227	122,163
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		6	570
Total		9,730 464,696	345,129

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept to 15th Dec.

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	616	60,779	52,652
Japan and China	12,161	323,226	67,200
Coast Ports	160	10,903	23,295
Up-country by Rail		89,710	110,776
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		23,943	2,266
Total	12,937	508,561	256,189

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 22-12-38	2935000	5577000
Receipts yesterday 22-12-38	4000	17000
Exports to date 22-12-38	1916000	3187000
Stock at Ports 16-12-38	3085000	3284000
Stock at Interior Towns 16-12-38	3467000	2638000
Stock at Liverpool 16-12-38	1086000	982000
Visible Supply 16-12-38	7905000	7654000
Quantity in sight 16-12-38	7015000	9814000
Quantity out of sight 16-12-38	4745000	5041000

Cotton Arrivals

	Bales.
Receipts into Bombay on 21st December	12,703
Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1938	454,966
Receipts into Bombay same time last season	318,367
Increase	136,599

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York Liverpool: January 116 March 101 May 110 July 115 October 116 December 118 at cross rate 4.66 3/4

Bombay Liverpool: Broach A/M 1939 160 Liverpool May 1939 4.79 Rs. 48 1/2 at exchange 1/6

Bombay Liverpool: Broach J/A 1939 161 Liverpool July 1939 4.67 Rs. 42 1/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay New York: Broach A/M 1939 160 New York May 8.21 Rs. 35 1/2 at cross rate 4.66 3/4

Bombay New York: Broach J/A 1939 161 New York July 7.92 Rs. 27 1/2 at cross rate 4.66 3/4

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Dec 23

Yesterday London gold prices declined 3 points at £7-9-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 5 points up at 177.15 and Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.66 3/4. London silver prices were unchanged at 20 1/16d. The market was quiet and featureless. New York silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 0/8 London Bombay Spot parity is Rs. 52-15-3 and forward is Rs. 51-7-3. Sovereigns unquoted at Rs. 23-13-9. The local market was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Prices fluctuated within a narrow range and were quoted as under:—

GOLD	
Ready	37 4 0
Posh delivery	37 4 9
Posh Tejimandi	0 3 0
Maha deliver,	37 5 9
Maha Tejimandi	0 5 6
SILVER	
Ready	51 2 6
Posh delivery	51 1 6
Posh Tejimandi	0 12 0
Maha delivery	37 5 9
Maha Tejimandi	1 2 0

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec 22

Spot	20 1/16
Forward	19 7/16

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec 22

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£7-9-0

LONDON METALS

London, Dec 22

Copper	£44 2 6
Lead	£15 5 0
Spelter	£14 1 3
Tin	£216 0 0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, Dec 23

London market—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£44-0-0
Standard copper 3 months	£44-5-0
Electrolytic copper	£50-0-0
Bombay market—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-8-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 48-0-0

Tone: Steady.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, Dec 22

January	£10 3 9
February	£10 3 9

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Dec 23

Castorseeds May—	
Opening	29 2 0
Highest	29 3 0
Lowest	29 0 0
Closing	29 0 0
Groundnuts Feb—	
Opening	28 10 0
Highest	28 12 6
Lowest	28 5 6
Closing	28 6 6
Cottonseed Jan—	
Opening	22 4 0
Highest	22 6 6
Lowest	21 14 6
Closing	21 15 0
Cottonseed May—	
Opening	22 6 6
Highest	22 8 0
Lowest	22 4 6
Closing	22 4 6

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, Dec 22

December	56 5/8d.
March	54 1/8d.
May	55 1/8d.
March	52 1/8d. New
May	53d. New

Wheat Chicago

Chicago, Dec 22

December	dol 0.64 1/2
May	dol 0.66 7/8
July	dol 0.66 5/8

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, Dec 23

Ready Javas	Rs. 15 7 0
Shipment Jan March	5 15 9
Shipment April June	6 2 0
Shipment July Sept	6 4 6
Kesar	15 11 0
Saraya	15 11 0
Java Spot	F 6.65

LONDON SUGAR

London, Dec 22

March	sh. 6 2 1/4d.

New York Sugar

New York, Dec 22

March	1.92
May	1.97
July	2.00
September	2.03

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, Dec 22

SAKELS—	
January	12.97+9
March	13.17+10
May	13.37+10
ASHMOUNI—	
December	10.55+18
February	10.59+7
April	10.66+8
GIZA—	
January	12.92+18
March	13.15+21
May	13.24+19

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec 22

Broach A/M 1939 opening 158 3/4 highest 159 lowest 158 1/2 closing 158 1/2

Broach J/A opening 159 5/8 highest 160 lowest 159 3/8 closing 159 3/8

Oomra D/J opening 147 1/8 highest 147 1/2 lowest 146 7/8 closing 146 7/8

Oomra March opening 145 1/8 highest 145 1/2 lowest 145 1/8 closing 145 1/8

Bengal D/J opening 123 highest 123; lowest 121 3/4 closing 121 3/4

Bengal March 122 1/4 highest 122 1/4 lowest 121 1/4 closing 121 1/4

Tejimandi for Broach April May 1939 (21-1-39) Rs. 8 1/2

Tejimandi for Broach April May 1939 (28-3-39) Rs. 8 1/2

Tejimandi for Broach July August 1939 (24-6-39) Rs. 13 1/4

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec 23

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	98/4
2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan	99/4
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	101/6
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	102/10
3 per cent 1963/65	98
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50	105
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	108/4
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	111/4
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	118/4
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	101/10
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	105
TAX FREES	
5 per cent 1943/55 Loan	115/11
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124
CORPORATION DEBENTURES	
4 per cent 1974 B P T	110/4
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	109/8
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	119
5 per cent 1954 M Deb	130

Tone: Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec 23

B C RATES—
T T D D 1/5 27/32

LONDON—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 29/32 near
Bank's buying T T 1/5 15/16
Bank's buying D D 1/5 31/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/32 to March 1/6 April/Nov.

NEW YORK—
Bank's selling T T 288 1/4
Bank's buying T T 285
Bank's buying D D 284 1/4

PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1,307
Bank's buying T T 1,336

JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T 78 5/8
Bank's buying T T 77 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days 77

AMSTERDAM—
Bank's selling D D 63 3/8

JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 63 1/4

HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 85 1/4

SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 47 1/8

SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/8

BERLIN—
Bank's selling D D 85 3/4

CROSS RATE—
New York London 4.66.56 22nd instant
Japan London 1/2 1/64 23rd instant
Hongkong London 1/3 23rd instant
Shanghai London 0/8 23rd instant
Java London 8.56 1/2 23rd instant
London Paris 177.15 22nd instant
London Belgium 27.68 1/2 22nd instant
London Switzerland 20.66 3/4 22nd instant
London Berlin 11.64 1/2 22nd instant
London Stockholm 19.42 3/8 22nd instant
London New York 4.66.81 22nd instant
London Amsterdam 8.58 3/4 22nd instant
London Italy 88.70 22nd instant
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady. Near.
Gold £7-9-3 21st instant
Gold £7-9-0 22nd instant
Silver London Ready 20 1/16 21st instant
Silver London Ready 20 1/16 22nd instant
Silver London Forward 19 7/16 21st instant
Silver London Forward 19 7/16 22nd instant
Silver New York Ready 43 21st instant
Silver New York Ready 43 22nd instant
London discounts 3 months 1-1 1/16 per cent 21st instant
London discounts 3 months 1-1 1/16 per cent 22nd instant
London discounts 6 months 1-1 1/16 per cent 21st instant
London discounts 6 months 1-1 1/16 per cent 22nd instant
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—
Call 1 per cent.
3 months 1 1/2 per cent.
6 months 1 1/2 per cent.
Tone:—Firm.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Dec 22

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	75 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	89 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	101 1/4
4 per cent 1948/53	106
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	111
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	114 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	107 1/2
3 per cent 1949/52	98 1/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	69 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War loan	97 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	107 1/4
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	42/6 easier.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

CLEARING RATES
Bombay, Dec 23

Yarn No. 6 1/2s, December 97 February 97 April 97.

Yarn No. 10 1/2s. December 105 February 106 April 106

Yarn No. 20 1/2s. December 143 February 144 April 145

Yarn No. 40s. December 221 February 222 April 223

Yarn No. 2/64 December 304 February 306 April 307

Yarn No. 150 December 147 February 149 April 149

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Dec 22

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£72 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	75 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	89 1/2
Indian stock A 1/2 per cent 1950/55	111
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	69 7/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	97 7/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	97 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	107 1/4
Victory Bonds	106 3/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	9 1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	81
National Bank of India	33
P and O Banking Corporation	16

Steel Shares Remain Steady

BULL SUPPORT AND REALISING

Undertone Steady

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

To-day being the last one hour session prior to X'mas Holidays there was slightly increased inactivity and both Bulls and Bears were found influencing the course of prices.

There was nothing special in foreign news except slightly better tendency on London and New York Stock Exchanges but the turnover was restricted with Holiday feeling.

The Wall Street Market was steady with less realising and Tax selling. U. S. Steel shares advanced dol. 5/8 while Anaconda Copper shares gained dol. 1/4.

The year which ends to-day opened with Tata Steel Dfd. shares quoted at Rs. 1172/8 and during the first five months we had a downward price tendency which carried Dfds. down to Rs. 817. Since then prices assumed improving tendency and rose to Rs. 1560/- and to-day closed at Rs. 1516/4.

At the opening to-day Tata Steel Dfd. shares were quoted at Rs. 1520 and advanced to Rs. 1526/4. At this level there was active selling and prices declined to Rs. 1507 and finally improved to Rs. 1516/4.

The tone of the market was fairly steady and general opinion seems evenly divided and when the market reopens, Bears look for Rs. 1450 and Bulls for Rs. 1580 level for Tata Steel Dfd. shares. Much depends upon foreign advices but it must be noted that speculative activity is restricted and outside business is utterly absent.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

100	Ahmd. Advance	420 0
200	Bombay DYEING	875 0
100	CENTURY	239 8
100	CENRAL INDIA	234 8
100	COLABA	141 8
100	Coorla	95 0
250	David	75 0
250	Dawn	320 0
1	E. D. Sassoon	0 5 3
100	Finlay	118 12
100	GOKAK	152 0
1,000	Hindustan	1,705 0
100	Indore	55 0
100	Khatau	117 8
100	KOHINOOR	259 0
150	Laxmi	515 0
250	Madras United	35 0
100	Morarji	135 0
250	Model	54 0
50	MYSORE	89 0
200	NEW GREAT	213 12
100	Oosmanshahi	40 0
100	PHOENIX	223 0
25	Sassoon Silk	71 0
1,000	Sholapur	3225 0
50	SIMPLEX	77 12
100	SWADESHI	218 0
100	Swan	112 0
500	Vishnu	1210 0
1,000	Westerns	860 0
	BANKS.	
50-10	Baroda	115 12
25-50	Central	30-4-0
500	Imperial	1571 4
125-500	Imp. Conty.	385 0
50-100	India	148 4
100	Reserve Bank	115 8
5	Unions	5 12 0
	CEMENTS.	
100	Associated	110 4
	INSURANCE.	
100-500	Empire	685 0
15-100	Jupiter	13 2
20	Mercantile	52 0
15-100	New India	37 8
200	Oriental	4300 0
10-50	Vulcan	7 2
	ELECTRIC.	
100	Ah. Old	135 0
1,000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1,407 8
10	Ajmer	11 14
10	Amalgmd.	12 0
50	Bombay Tram	120 0
100	Bombay Suburban	148 12
10	Broach	10 0
100	Karachi	190 0
100	Poona	170 10
100	Surat	172 8
100	TATA HYDRO	152 0
100	TATA POWERS	1,285 0
	RAILWAYS.	
100	Ahmedabad Prantij	950 0
100	C. Province	101 8
100	Dn. Baramati	103 12
100	Gujarat	100 12
100	Mandra Bhon	102 0
100	Pachora Jamner	95 0
100	Sara Serajganj	104 0
500	Tapti Valley	757 8
	MINING.	
9	Burma Corp.	5 14
8sh.	Indian Copper	2 2
10	Indian Iron and Steel	28 10
10	Shivrajpur	50 0
70	TATA STEEL DEFDS	1,516 4
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	315 8
	MISCELLANEOUS	
100	ALCOCK	337 0
60	BELAPUR SUGAR XD	181 0
200-250	Bombay Safe Dep.	840 0
150	BOMBAY STEAM	225 0
125	B. BURMA XD	493 0
50	Bombay Conty. XD	166 14
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3 9 9
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	80 0
100	I. BLEACHING	123 0
50	Invest Trust	42 8
100	I. Radio Defd	390 0
100	I. Radio Ord.	380 0
100	Port Canning	69 4
40	Premier Con.	65 4
15	Scindia	19 0
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	45 12
	PREFERENCE.	
5 1/2	Amalgmad (T. F.)	106 0
7	p. c. Andhra Valley	1510 0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam XD	283 12
5	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	73 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	555 0
6¼	p.c. Prem. Const 1st.	108 0
6-1¼	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	97 0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	148 12
7½	p.c. Tata Power	1603 12
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	208 8
7½	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	160 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	717 8
	DEBENTURES.	
3-3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	102 6
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	108 4
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	52 8
7	p c Sholapur	80 4
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	108 0

(Capital Letters indicate Shares on Forward List.)

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec 23

Bombay Dyeing (873/12) 875 877 876 875
Century (239) 241 240 239/8
Central India (233/8) 235 234/8
Kohinoor (258) 259
New Great (215) 216 213/12
Simplex (77/8) 77/12
Swadeshi (217/8) 218/8 218
Associated Cement (110/12) 110/12 110/8 111 110/12 110/4
Andhra (1410) 1407/8
Tram Ord (119/4) 119/8 120
Tata Hydro (152) 152
Tata Power (1282) 1282 1286 1285
T Steel Defd (1512/8) 1517 1522 1520 1525 1507 1517 1512 1516/4
T Steel Ord (315) 316/8 317/8 315 316 315 315/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (160) 160
Bellapur (181) 181 180/8 181
B Steam (222) 223 227 225
B Burma (493) 495 494 492 493

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec 23

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	
3 1/2 per cent paper	98/2
4 per cent 1960/70	111/4
5 per cent 1945/55	115/12
BANKS	
Bank of Baroda	115/12
Bank of Hindusthan	31/4
Bank of India	148/4
Central Bank	30/4
Imperial Bank F P	1571/4
Imperial Bank P P	385
Indian Overseas Bank	46
Reserve Bank	115/8
Union Bank	5/12
TEXTILES	
Ahmd New Textiles	240
Ambica	238/2
Arun	222/8
Arvind	1260
Asok	215
Bharatkhand	2450
Bombay Dyeing	875
Buckingham and Carnatics	190
Calico	607/8
Central India	233/12
Century	238/12
Colaba	140/10
Delhi Cloth and Gen Mills	425
Elgin	212/8
Gokak	151/14
Hukumchand	168/2
Indore	55
Jubilee	203/2
Khatau Makanji	117/8
Kohinoor	258/2
Laxmi Cotton	515
Madhusudan	200
Marsden	96/14
Morarji	135
Mysore	88/12
Nandlal Bhandari	77/4
New Great	216/14
Raipur	590
Rajnagar	205
Sajjan	97/8
Sassoon and Alliance	71
Sholapur	3225
Simplex	77/8
Swadeshi	217/8
Vishnu	1210
HYDRO ELECTRICS	
Andhra Valley Ord	140b
Tata Hydro Ord	151/14
Tata Power Ord	1282/8
ELECTRICS	
Ahmedabad Electrics	135
Ajmer Electrics	12/8
Amalgamated	12/6
Bombay Suburban XD	145/10
Bombay Tram	119/11
Surat Electrics	172/8
MISCELLANEOUS	
Alcock Ashdown	336/4
Associated Cements	110
Belapur	180
Bombay Burma New	166/14
Bombay Burma Old	491/4
Bombay Steam	224/6
Bombay Telephone	80
Br B Petrol	3/9
Burma Corporation	5/14
Dalmia Cement	9/8
Indian Bleaching	122/8
Industrial Investment Tr	42/8
Indian Radio Ord	385/10
Indian Radio Defd	390
Indian Copper	2/2
Indian Iron	28/10
Mysore Sugar	28/8
Port Canning	69/4
Premier Construction	65
Rohtas Industries	25/10
Scindia Steam	19/3
Shivrajpur	50
Tata Oil	46
Tata Steel Ordy	315
Tata Steel Defd	1512/8
JUTES	
Birla Jute	14
Howrah	49/6
Hukumchand	5/8
Kamarhatty	455
Kanknarrah	344
Lawrence	322
Reliance	56/8

LONDON SPELTER
London, Dec 22

Spelter Hard (Indian brand) f o b	12 1/2 to 13 1/2

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Japanese Ships In Indian Waters

States' Peoples' Struggle Engages Mahatma's Attention

Correspondence With Lord Linlithgow

STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED FROM BARDOLI?

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23.

I understand on a very reliable authority that at present Mahatma Gandhi is in correspondence with His Excellency the Viceroy regarding the question of States' people's struggle.

It is rumoured in high Congress circles, here, that Gandhiji is drafting a very important statement on States' People's struggle for Responsible Government, which he is expected to release from Bardoli after it is approved by the Working Committee.

It is held that in the statement he will once again warn the British Government on behalf of the Congress and will insist on its right to support States' subjects' struggle for their legitimate demands.

STUDENTS OBSERVE HARTAL

Kolhapur Sympathy For Hyderabad Colleagues

(From Our Correspondent).

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 22.

About 5,000 students from all the colleges and schools here are observing 'hartal' to-day to show sympathy to the Hyderabad students and condemn the Nizam Government's ban on the singing of "Vande Mataram."

The students held a huge meeting on the Khasbag grounds and passed resolutions appreciating the firm stand taken by their fellow students in Hyderabad and condemning the narrow-minded and highhanded action of Sir Akbar Hydari and other officers of the Nizam.

Two thousand farmers led by Mr. Bagal are going to march on the Maharaja's palace here on Sunday.

Kher To Visit Dohad On Jan. 1!

(From Our Correspondent)

DOHAD, (By Mail.)

It is reliably understood that the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher and the Hon. Mr. Morarji Desai the Minister for Revenue, will visit Dohad and Jhalod on 11th January. Mr. B. G. Kher is to perform the opening ceremony of the Bhil Kanya (Girls) Ashram of the Bhil Seva Mandal, Dohad, and is to preside over the Annual Function of the Bhil Seva Mandal.

NEW PASSENGER SHED OPENED

(From Our Correspondent)

RATNAGIRI, Dec. 20

The opening ceremony of a new passenger shed built of permanent concrete by the B.S.N. Company, took place here. Mr. G. R. Purohit, President, Ratnagiri Municipal Borough, performed the opening ceremony.

Hartal At Bhavnagar

(From Our Correspondent)

BHAVNAGAR, Dec. 22

The Appointment of Mr. Gajanan Bhatt, as Special Revenue Officer, without any revenue experience came as a surprise. The present incumbent will retire within a short time to make room for Mr. Bhatt. Mr. Vithaldas Patel has been appointed Education Director while Mr. Shantilal Parekh will probably be appointed Headmaster. Mr Munikumar Bhatt, Secretariat Head Clerk will be appointed Manager, State Printing Press. The present Manager will retire.

Today hartal was observed owing to Darbar Gopaldas' arrest at Rajkot. A procession was also taken out.

LONDON:—During 1938, the monthly rate of aircraft production was more than doubled and had shown a marked upward trend, declared Sir Kingsley Wood in the House of Commons.

Asked if he could give an assurance that this greatly improved condition would be further improved in 1939, Sir Kingsley Wood replied in the affirmative.—Reuter.

Indian Hero From Spain

Poona's Warm Reception To Mr. G. M. Huddar

POONA, Dec. 22.

Mr. G. M. Huddar, the Maharashtrian, who as a member of the famous international brigade, fought for Republican Spain in the Spanish civil war, and had been captured and imprisoned by the Franco Government, arrived in Poona this morning from Bombay.

The Indian hero from Spain was given a warm reception in Poona. He had a busy day today. At eight in the morning, soon after his arrival, he was received at the 'Kesari' office and gave a talk to the Hindu Yuvak Sangha From there he proceeded to the Students Union and Study Circle an hour with the students. Later in the afternoon at 3 p. m. he addressed the students of the S. P. College in the College Hall exhorting them to be soldiers in the cause of democracy and freedom.

In the evening he paid a visit to the Maharashtra Vyayam Mandal, and from there proceeded to the Tilak Mandir where he was given a formal public reception and was garlanded on behalf of a number of local public institutions. Mr. Huddar thanked the various institutions for the honour done to him and emphasised the need of unity among the various communities in India to fight for the country's freedom. He narrated his experiences while fighting for Republican Spain in the Spanish civil war and explained the bravery of the Republican ranks who by sheer will and spontaneous action overcome odds and beat General Franco's calculations about capturing Government.

Mr. Huddar is leaving Poona to-morrow afternoon for Nagpur.

U. P. Legislature Congress Party

LUCKNOW: (By Mail).

At a meeting of the Congress Party in the United Provinces Legislature held yesterday the following were elected office-bearers of the party for the next year:—

Leader:—Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, General Secretary—Acharya Jugal Kishore, Secretaries—Messrs. Laxmi Narain and Mohanlal Goutam, Treasurer—Mr. Chandra Bhal, Chief Whip—Kunwar Anand Singh and Whips—Messrs. Waheed Ahmed, Raghuvendra Pratap Singh, Pandit Banshidhar Mishra and Pandit Harindranath Sastri.

The Leader of the Party was authorised to select two Deputy Leaders from among the Ministers.—United Press

On Look Out For Soviet Arms To China

PANIC IN BURMA

(From A Special Correspondent)

RANGOON, Dec. 18.
(By Air Mail)

News has been received from Singapore that several ships belonging to the Japanese fishing craft from Singapore have left recently for the gulf of Martaban just south of Rangoon. Ostensibly, they are on a fishing expedition, as the gulf of Martaban is a recognised fishing ground but it is suspected that their real mission is to keep watch on the munitions ships which are arriving in Rangoon from Soviet Russia with arms and ammunitions for transportation to China from the back-door along the newly opened Burma-Yunnan motor road.

That the so-called fishing boats are not on an innocent fishing expedition is proved by the report available from Singapore that police investigations there revealed the presence of complete sets of Admiralty charts aboard the fishing craft.

The Singapore Police have also reasons to believe that the captains and Crew of the vessels have an intimate knowledge of all islands near Singapore and other strategic points.

Credence is given to the suspicions by the fact that six of these Japanese boats sailed at midnight from Singapore for the Gulf of Martaban without a port clearance, for which the Japanese owner who pleaded guilty was fined £20 in the Marine Court at Singapore.

The Burmese Press has become a little panicky, ever since the arrival of the first munition ship loaded with Soviet arms. The reported presence of Japanese ships in Burmese waters is bound to accentuate the nervousness. Yet since the closing first of Hongkong and then of French Indo-China Rangoon has become the only port from which China can get her badly-required supply of arms as well as other commodities.

Lieut. Col. Muirhead arrived by air from Calcutta to-day for his Rangoon tour programme.

PURCHASE SWADESHI ARTICLES

U. P. Govt.'s Circular To Local Bodies

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 22.

It was brought to the notice of the United Provinces Government that some local boards showed a disinclination to purchase country made articles, such as inks, pens, holders and several kinds of cloth even though they are not of appreciably inferior quality or appreciably higher price as compared with imported ones.

The Government, in accordance with their established policy to estimate indigenous industries, have addressed all the Commissioners in the province to impress upon the local bodies in their divisions the desirability of purchasing articles made in India, and preferably in the province.

"SYMBOLIC OF COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22.

"The holding of the Provincial Political Conference and the Exhibition in this holy city of Ajodhya is symbolic of their efforts for the political and economic emancipation of the country respectively. They have to eradicate the nation's poverty and increase the productive capacity of labour, which alone would result in increasing the wealth of the nation."

Thus declared the Hon. Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces, in his speech opening the Ajodhya Exhibition organised in connection with the Provincial Political Conference. The Premier also laid emphasis on the development of cottage industries.—United Press.

BURMESE LEAFLET FORFEITED

RANGOON, (By Air Mail.)

A notification in the "Burma Gazette" says that under the Press Act the Governor of Burma has declared to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the Burmese leaflet, the English translation of which is "Appeal by the Patriot in Young Monks' Association of Ye-U in connection with "Padawmu Day" (day on which regime of Burmese kings ended and upper Burma was annexed").—United Press.

HYDERABAD—Intimation has been received here that four Aryas of Morkhandi died on the Gauhati Jail owing to alleged maltreatment and assault. Two of them died on December 12 and two others on December 15.

Central Government Budget Prospects

Defence Department Will Present Heavy Bill

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI: (By Mail).

It was in Calcutta, as I had already forecasted in these columns, that the Viceroy broke his long silence and expressed himself once again on the subject of Federation.

There have been a number of announcements this week, the most important of all being the reiteration of the Government's determination to maintain the present exchange value of the Rupee by every means in their power. These announcements do not evince that richly progressive spirit which one expects in the pre-Federation year. Was it not possible for the Government to appoint an Indian as Finance Member, whether official or non-official? A Secretary of State with the political imagination of a Montagu would not have hesitated to grant one more seat to Indians in the Viceroy's Cabinet and try the experiment of having an Indian as Finance Member. But the Viceroy has however gone back to the pre-Blackett days and bestowed the Finance Membership on the I.C.S. again. There is then the creation of the Political Advisership which is practically the addition of another Executive Councillorship for the I.C.S. The inauguration of the Defence Co-ordination Department as a part of the Governor-General's Secretariat instead of as a part of the Government of India, does not also show that large-minded statesmanship which one expects to come with the new conditions at the Centre. What has happened this week cannot be taken as introducing the right spirit before the advent of Federation. The creation of new appointments on higher salaries, the reiteration of old policies which have always evoked fierce popular opposition like the Rupee ratio, and the transfer of important Government Departments to the Viceroy's House do not seem to be quite the right thing at the present moment.

PROSPECTS FOR NEW YEAR

What are the prospects for the New Year? The only political development which one may expect is that the Princes will be given their final draft of the Instrument of Accession and asked to make their choice. As the Chamber of Princes is due to meet early next year, that will probably be the time when they will try to discuss their problems formally and informally and come to a decision. So far, the attitude of the Government of India has been to leave the Princes to solve their own problems, but I have no doubt that the advice of the Paramount Power has not only been sought but given. If the Princes were under the impression that they could depend on the aid of the British Government to suppress the political aspirations of their people, they have not had long to wait for their disillusionment. Federation or no Federation the States cannot hope to have political peace unless they come to terms with their people on the issue of Responsible Government. As one Anglo-Indian paper has observed in its issue, "Once Federation becomes a practical possibility the lag in Indian India becomes a serious matter." The paper avers that the advice of the Paramount Power if sought would be always "in favour of meeting legitimate desires of subjects legitimately expressed for a voice in the conduct of public affairs by a broadening of the basis of government and the development of representative institutions."

FUTURE OF FEDERATION

Even if Lord Linlithgow succeeds next year in bringing the required number of States to sign the Instrument of Accession, which may be taken as certain, the more important problem of conciliating political opinion in British India remains to be settled. It is comparatively an easy matter to secure political reforms in the States and persuade them to send elected representatives to the Federal Legislature. But what about the shortcomings of the Federal scheme itself to which the Congress objects? The Viceroy's speech proceeds on the assumption that the Government of India Act is the Government's last word on the subject, but the "Manchester Guardian" shows a greater sense of reality when it says, "If an appeal fails (as unfortunately appeals sometimes do) then no doubt the situation will be reviewed again." The situation will have to be reviewed, may be next year itself. The possibilities of widening the scope of the Act through its enabling provisions will have to be explored. Certain assurances may have to be given to limit and define the effect of the Governor-General's special powers and bring them to line with what is happening in the provinces. As regards larger questions of policy requiring definite changes in the Act, I am told that the idea that the Federal Legislature should convert itself into something like a constituent assembly and make its proposals for amending the Constitution—the understanding being that such proposals, if generally acceptable to Indian political opinion may be accepted by the British Government for immediately revising the constitution. I do not know how far this

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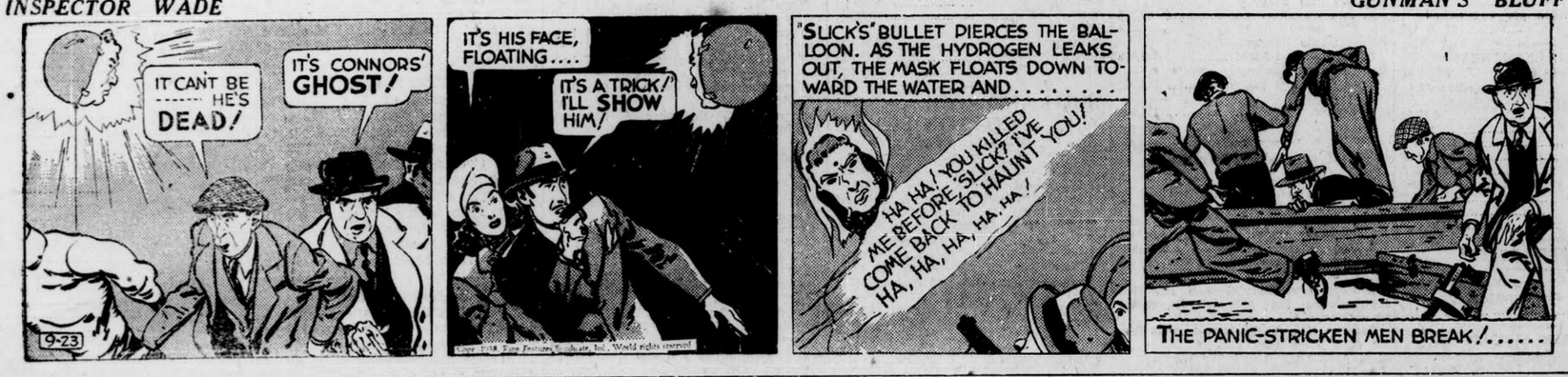
Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — *GUNMAN'S BLUFF*


IT CAN'T BE ------ HE'S DEAD!
IT'S CONNORS' GHOST!
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IT'S HIS FACE, FLOATING....
IT'S A TRICK! I'LL SHOW HIM!
"SLICK'S" BULLET PIERCES THE BALLOON. AS THE HYDROGEN LEAKS OUT, THE MASK FLOATS DOWN TOWARD THE WATER AND.....
HA HA! YOU KILLED ME BEFORE, SLICK? I'VE COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU! HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
THE PANIC-STRICKEN MEN BREAK!.....

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